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GOT 'FORETASTE' OF A-BOMB, SAY AMBOY FAMILIES

By Joseph North

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., May 22.—The hard working families along devastated Augusta Street, which runs down to Raritan Bay, are out on ladders today repairing the damage in the immemorial way of all people who live where war has passed.

The street is in direct line where the barges exploded, and you can see the long blackened piers from which they are still clearing the land mines which flew in every direction.

Three thousand mines, they say, have been located and exploded. Every once in a while you hear the dull boom of one going off.

South Amboy is a devout town, preponderately Catholic, of Italian and Polish origin.

George Taone, of 107 Augusta St., worships at St. Mary's, up the street a way.

"It was a visitation from God," he said. "God is boiling up against the A-bomb. He is showing up what will happen. This is only a little taste. God is saying, so you want the A-bomb? Well, this is what will happen."

Taone is a man of 60 or so, and his son, Philip, smiled faintly while his father talked.

"I don't know about God," the son said, "but I was in the last war and I don't want to go through another."

Philip, about 30, was with the Air Force over the Pacific.

"I saw enough war," he repeated. "This is only a shadow of what's coming if we get that 'A' stuff."

Walk down Broadway, and at 157, a home renovated from a store front, you will see a 100 pound chunk of anchor that flew one mile from the explosion and landed in the back shed. It is the home of John Seib, an engineer on the New York & Long Branch Line, that runs behind his house. He has a sense of humor, and he hauled the chunk of anchor into the front window and put a sign on it that reads, "New style calling card."

It's the "calling card" of the next war, he said soberly. He said, "This is but a feather to an eagle, to what A-bomb war would be like."

"If the other nations banned the A-bomb we should, too," he said. His daughter, Helen, a woman of 30, said, "They ought to ban all bombs and all munitions, too. We don't need that stuff," she said. "What good does it do?"

War is very much on the minds of the people of South Amboy. Many thought it was an A-bomb last Friday night. You walk through

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18,000 AT GARDEN RALLY TAKE STOCKHOLM PLEDGE

Judge Harris Visits Dennis In Prison

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Westinghouse Plant Halted by Sit-in Strike

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Eighteen thousand New Yorkers jammed Madison Square Garden Saturday night at the 20th anniversary rally of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order. They protested against persecution of the organization by the De-

partment of Justice, and they took the Stockholm Pledge for outlawing of the Atom-bomb and the H-bomb through negotiations between the US and the USSR.

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

Will Picket Pro-Nazi Rally

**TOMORROW
AT TOWN HALL**

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Truman Puts Cold War Ahead of UN

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Truman today told the people of the world that the United States is placing more emphasis on the military strength of anti-Communist nations than on the United Nations.

In a report to Congress on the work of U. S. delegates to the UN, the President said that while agreement to control atomic weapons and other war armaments was "urgent," agreements mattered little.

"It is not enough to hope for agreement or to make proposals," Truman said. What is necessary, he continued, is to increase the "moral, economic and military

strength" of anti-Communist nations. It will then "be to the interest of the Soviet Union to enter into and keep agreements," he contended.

He blamed the Soviet Union for "willful flouting" of the UN charter. He praised the activities of the U. S. in shipping arms around the world under the military assistance program, and in developing the North Atlantic Military Pact, both violations of the UN charter.

10,000 Sign for Peace In Brooklyn Campaign

Ten thousand Brooklynites last weekend signed petitions to outlaw atomic warfare through top-level international negotiations. The petition drive, conducted by the

22 Ministers In Chicago Hail Peace Meeting

CHICAGO, May 22.—Twenty-two Protestant and Jewish clergymen of Chicago today announced support of the Mid-Century Conference for Peace, and attacked the "cynical belief that war is inevitable."

The statement was made public by Dr. John B. Thompson, Dean of the Rockefeller Chapel of the University of Chicago and chairman of the Chicago committee of the conference, which is scheduled to open Monday. The statement condemned the "dangerous drift toward open war" and hailed the conference for seeking "to transcend differences of faith, race, creed, political belief and occupation" to unite all those who believe in "peaceful alternatives" to the cold war.

Among those who endorsed the statement were the Rev. Roland Schloerb, Hyde Park Baptist Church; Dr. George Fowler, president, Church Federation of Greater Chicago; Rabbi Davis Graubart; Dr. Leslie Pennington, First Unitarian Church; the Rev. A. Wayman Ward, presiding elder, Chicago Conference of AME Churches; Dr. Paul Macy, formerly of the World Council of Churches and lecturer at Seabury Western Seminary; the Rev. Joseph Evans, Metropolitan Community Church; the Rev. Virgil Lowder, Church Federation of Greater Chicago; Prof. Kermit Eby, University of Chicago; and Rev. Fred Hoskins, First Congregational Church, Oak Park.

50 Killed in Peru Earthquake

CUZCO, Peru, May 22.—Fifty persons were killed in an earthquake here yesterday that destroyed approximately a fifth of the town. Hundreds of injured were brought to first aid stations.

Many people in this city of 50,000 were forced to spend the night in open fields.

Louis Johnson and the '34 Plot to Seize the Capitol

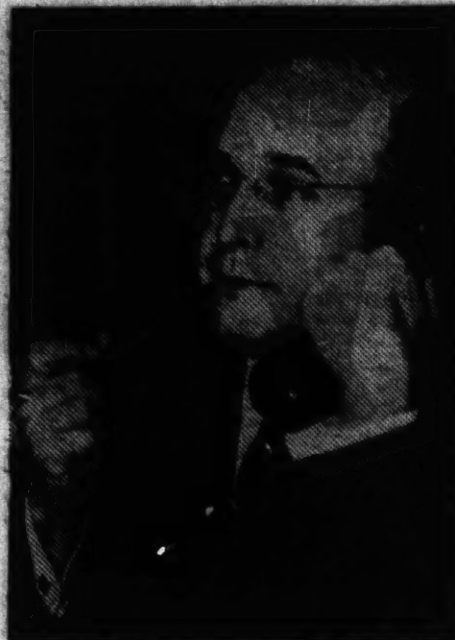
By Art Shields

Louis Johnson, President Truman's Secretary of Defense, was named yesterday in connection with a plot to overthrow the Roosevelt Administration in 1934. Evidence involving Johnson—a former national commander of the American Legion—is given by Albert E. Kahn in his new book—High Treason.

The evidence is taken from sensational but little known testimony before a Congressional Committee, exposing a plot by Wall Street bankers and high Legionnaires to stage an insurrection.

Evidence was given that plans for a march of armed war veterans on Washington had been discussed with Johnson in some detail. The testimony was that Johnson seemed much in favor of the plans.

The plot was exposed by General Smedley D. Butler, colorful ex-commander of the U. S. Marines, whom the plotters had nominated as their fuhrer. Butler said the conspirators asked him to mobilize an army of armed vets, and seize power like Mussolini. They suggested the arms would come from the Remington Arms Co., a du Pont firm. Three million dollars were promised to start



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the putsch, with three millions more later. Nine big Wall Street men were putting up the money.

The Wall Street backers were connected with the fascist American Liberty League, which the due Ponts, Morgans and Rockefellers had set up.

Butler said the bankers' agents told him that they would pay big money to crush the "Communist menace."

JOHNSON NAMED

Johnson was named by a Wall Street Legionnaire named Gerald MacGuire, according to testimony before the Congressional Committee. MacGuire was a broker and agent for the treasurer of the American Liberty League, a big Morgan banker and Bethlehem Steel magnate named Grayson M-P Murphy, who had helped to finance the Legion.

MacGuire's references to Johnson came out in the testimony of Paul French, a close friend of Butler, before the Congressional Committee.

French, a citizen of Philadelphia, where Butler had once been in charge of the police, was investigating the conspiracy at the request of the former Marine commander.

French told the committee that the broker talked freely to him, when he visited MacGuire at the office of Grayson M-P Murphy on lower Broadway. He said that MacGuire held up a letter and said: "It's from Louis Johnson, former national commander of the American Legion."

French's account continues:

"He (MacGuire) said that he had discussed the matter with him (Johnson) along the lines of what we were now discussing. I took it to mean that he had discussed this Fascist proposition with Johnson and Johnson was in sympathy with it."

The plot collapsed when Butler and French exposed it. But the same Louis Johnson has control of the atom bomb today.

High Treason gives the history of 30 years of due Ponts, Morgans and Rockefellers had set up in America. It will be officially released Thursday. Advance sales have just begun.

Flay O'D Choice for Civil Service Post

Expressing concern over Mayor O'Dwyer's "political approach" to appointment of Civil Service Commissioners, the Citizens Union on Friday wrote him that the agency was "too vitally important to the public to let politics dictate these appointments."

The group was referring to the Mayor's choice of Paul P. Brennan as successor to James A. McNamara, commission chairman who resigned following revelations of fraudulent cases in civil service examinations. Brennan, secretary to Supreme Court Justice DiCiovanni, was succeeded by McNamara in a switch of jobs. The Mayor later named former Republican Rep. David Potts of the Bronx to replace Darwin W. Telford, only Negro member of the Commission. Potts refused the post.

Pickets to Protest Town Hall Pro-Nazi Rally Tomorrow

Scores of organizations and individuals have pledged participation in the picket line against the so-called "Hold Berlin Rally" at Town Hall, at 113 W. 43 St., between Sixth

and Seventh Aves. tomorrow (Wednesday), 7 p.m., the American Jewish Labor Council reported yesterday. William Levner, director of organization for the council, which is sponsoring the demonstration, declared that the group is "gratified by the initial response we received to our call for a demonstration, against the Hold Berlin

Rally. New Yorkers and particularly Jewish people are incensed at this outrageous attempt by the pro-fascist 'Common Cause, Inc.' to glorify the re-Nazification of Western Germany and to fan the flames of the cold war into a hot one.

"Thousands of members of trade union, fraternal and civic organizations will join us outside Town Hall in voicing our demands for a real de-Nazification policy in Western Germany, for the punishment of Nazi war criminals, for the outlawing of anti-Semitism and for the establishment of a world of peace in which Nazis and their apologists will have no place."

The "Hold Berlin Rally" sponsored by Common Cause, Inc., and promoted by Hearst columnist Victor Riesel, will feature as the main speaker General Lucius Clay, former U. S. Military Governor in Germany who has been charged with being "the chief architect of the re-Nazification of Western Germany." It was Gen. Clay who pardoned the notorious Ilse Koch and other Nazi war criminals.

Dr. N. Shuster, recently appointed U. S. Commissioner for Bavaria, author of pro-Nazi books who wrote, "There is no doubt of Hitler's efficiency, or his bravery, or... his integrity," is another speaker.

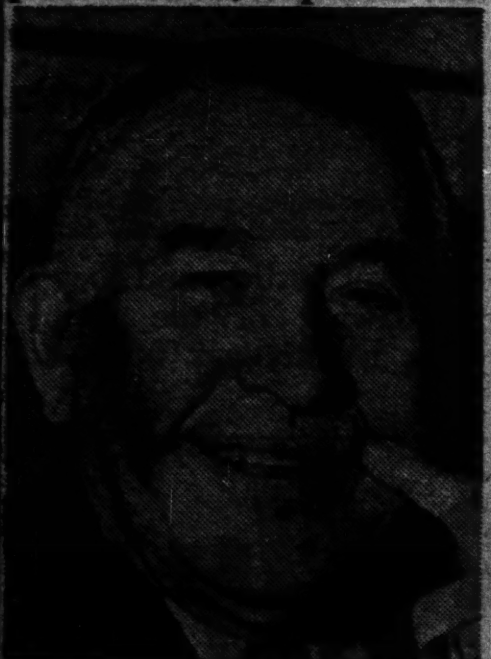
9 Spies Convicted In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, May 22.—Nine spies for the U. S. government were convicted in Domazlice, Bohemia, last week for attempts to overthrow the government of Czechoslovakia.

Marc Says Barkley Tries To Balk UN Peace Efforts

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Vice-President Alben W. Barkley's war scare speech in New Orleans Sunday is part of a conspiracy to divert public attention from Trygve Lie's peace mission, Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) said today. The laborite congressman told



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What Countries?

newsmen the peace efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General are causing concern in Administration circles because they indicate that war is not inevitable and peace is possible.

The Barkley speech together with other Armed Forces Day orations, Marcantonio said, are "part of a conspiracy to smother and obliterate news of Trygve Lie's discussions."

(After conferring with Soviet Premier Stalin in Moscow Lie said he was convinced the Soviet leaders are willing and eager to negotiate all issues pending between the USA and the USSR.)

Vice-President Barkley told a banquet audience in New Orleans that "we must maintain armed forces all over the world and we may have to occupy more coun-

tries before the cold war is ended."

BARKLEY EVASIVE

Back in the capital today, Barkley was evasive as to what additional countries U. S. troops are scheduled to occupy.

To reporters who questioned him about the speech, he admitted making the remark attributed to him. He denied, however, that there are any plans for extending occupation operations beyond those countries already occupied. He said he meant only those countries, members of the North Atlantic war alliance, which might request U. S. troops.

Queried as to what countries might be expected to "request" U. S. troops, the State Department (Continued on Page 8)

500 AT LECTURE WRITE FREE-DENNIS LETTERS

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—A capacity crowd of 500 made Eugene Dennis' freedom the first order of business here Saturday night. Hundreds of letters to President Truman were hand-written in the Academy of Music foyer, and sent out to be mailed on the spot.

Rose Gauden, Negro Communist leader, introduced speaker Mike Gold.

"Peace is the greatest word in the world today," Gold declared. "It is everybody's business, and Dennis is America's number 1 cold war prisoner."

Gold's lecture was sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsylvania Worker.

Sit-in Strike In Lester Halts Westinghouse Unit

LESTER, Pa., May 22.—The sit-in strike of over 6,000 workers, which began Friday at the huge Westinghouse plant, was resumed today, with all production halted. The strike had been preceded Wednesday by one-hour stoppages in the fight against the company's refusal to recognize the shop stewards of the United Electrical Workers union.

The dispute began when a shop steward sought to bring forward a grievance of a Negro worker that he had been transferred from one department to another in violation of seniority rules. Negro and white workers have rallied to the struggle, which includes all shifts.

The sitdown began at 3 a. m. Friday on the third shift. A plant superintendent refused to recognize one of the stewards on specific grievance. Other stewards gathered around and demanded they all be recognized. Company spokesmen refused. In protest every third-shift worker sat down at his machine until 8 a. m.

First shift workers continued the sitdown, as did the second shift at 4 p. m. The third shift sat down again at midnight Saturday until 8 a. m. when the plant closed for the weekend.

Each of the three shifts stopped work for one hour last Wednesday over the same question.

All day Friday protest meetings were held throughout the plant, conducted by leaders of UE Local 107. The union's position was reaffirmed Saturday afternoon at a mass meeting of the local.

Negotiations on the issue are being conducted in Pittsburgh, it was reported.

Workers declared that the company's objective in refusing to recognize the stewards was to try and weaken the UE with a view toward influencing the run off NLRB election, to be held at its plant in East Pittsburgh June 1 between the CIO-IUE and the UE.

The UE overwhelmingly won

representation rights at the Lester plant, second largest in the Westinghouse chain in the recent NLRB elections, by a 5 to 1 vote. The plant is responsible for about 46 percent of American steam turbine production.

Truman 'Hopes' Senate Will Vote on FEPC

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Truman today expressed only a pious "hope" that the Senate would permit Fair Employment Practices (FEPC) legislation to come to the Senate floor for debate and vote. Thus it became clear that only pressure from the people will force passage of FEPC.

Truman's hope was voiced as Senate Democratic leaders arranged to confer with him tomorrow morning on the fate of FEPC and other major legislation now in the yearly congressional bottleneck.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill.) has promised to bring FEPC up for another test vote, in two weeks. The promise was made after the Senate defeated a move to end the filibuster on the motion to bring up the bill or not.

The 52 to 32 vote, which found only 19 Democrats supporting the motion, indicated the Administration had not applied any pressure among its forces to support the important vote.

behalf of 100 cases of political persecution.

"They will never break the spirit of a man like Eugene Dennis," said Judge Harris. "He is a great American citizen."

Judge Harris said his visit to Dennis in jail made him think of the historic visit paid by Ralph Waldo Emerson to Henry Thoreau when the latter was imprisoned for refusing to pay taxes to slave states.

"Do you know what Emerson said?" Judge Harris asked. "He asked Thoreau, 'What are you doing in there?' And Thoreau answered: 'What are you doing out there?'"

Longshoreman Lays South Amboy Blast to Speedup, Overloading

By a Longshoreman

As a longshoreman who worked for the James Healing Co. during and after the war, I wish to bring to your attention and to the readers of the Daily Worker many pertinent facts in connection with working conditions both at South Amboy and at Leonardo, N. J.

The loading at South Amboy was done in the crudest manner imaginable. Speedup was forever the main thought. The gear available was crude, old and dilapidated. There was no direct supervision by the Coast Guard at this point; therefore every short cut, every means of obtaining greater tonnage per hour out of the longshore gangs was used.

At Leonardo, overloading of drafts was a continuous practice when Coast Guard officers were not around. While loading started at eight to ten tons per hour at the beginning, the speedup reached a furious pace during the war and after the war when ammunition was returned to this country. Twenty to 25 tons an hour was the rate of loading at its height.

Whenever Coast Guard officers would catch gangs overloading drafts, a threat of taking away their explosives permits would stop the practice but only temporarily.

The shapeup system and the contract stevedoring system both are primarily responsible for the irresponsible and dangerous manner in which explosives have been and will be handled. Foremen of "gangs" and their men would fear they would not be hired for the next day's work if they were to handle explosives as they should be handled.

Contracting stevedores want as many tons loaded as possible because they are paid so much per ton.

Besides overloading, there were other abuses: (1) inexperienced men operated winches. (2) One man would operate both "up and down" and "burton" winches, one with each hand. (3) Gangway or signal men would leave their place of duty and rely on winchman being able to see the loading dock and hold of ship when moving drafts. (4) Barrels would be dragged by winches from wings of hold. (5) Boxes of ammunition would be thrown by longshoremen instead of being placed lightly on loading "pie plates." (6) Gangs of men would be overworked sometimes as many as 14 and 15 hours per day at a furious pace. The South Amboy gang had probably been overworked the day the explosion took place. (7) Longshoremen were not instructed, in any manner whatsoever, as to the dangerous stuff they were handling. T.N.T. was handled the

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Fur Board Blasts Strikebreaking

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, May 22.—The CIO's top leadership today was branded as strikebreakers in documented evidence contained in the report of the executive board submitted to the convention delegates of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union.

The report of the 32-member board cited case after case of strike-breaking and union-busting service to employers, describing in particular detail the CIO leaders' role in the Virginia Oak Tannery walkout of nearly a year's duration at Luray, Va., and in the equally hard-fought nine-month Cloversville, N. Y., strike.

The report also contained the union's reply to the CIO's charges of "Communist domination" due to come up in a kangaroo trial June 6. The reply, in effect, is a scathing indictment of the CIO's top command for completely abandoning the CIO's original program and embracing a reactionary program on all important counts.

FLAY TREACHERY

The entire tone of the section dealing with the CIO is one of vigorous offensive and contempt for every idea that this union, with the foremost record in the CIO for defense of its members, should have to defend itself before leaders who have been proven "bankrupt" and "treacherous."

Almost the entire day was taken up with the reading of the 87-page printed report, with all delegates following it as they kept their own copies in front of them. Unlike

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Europe's Splitters Got \$2,496,921 from ILGW

ATLANTIC CITY.—The membership of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union stands at 423,000 and there are 100,000 still unorganized in the industry, it is shown in the General Executive Board report to the Union's 50th jubilee convention, opening tomorrow.

The report also noted that hourly earnings of workers in most branches either stood still or declined a bit since the union's 1947 convention, although the cost of living rose.

The report notes that dress wages averaging \$1.37 last year dropped 3 cents from 1948, and rose only 2 cents over 1947. Cloak wages, highest in the industry, suffered a small drop, while most other branches are either below or slightly above \$1 an hour.

David Dubinsky, ILGWU president, said at a press conference that the union gained 44,000 members in three years, but gave no indication of how much of that came as a result of organizing new shops. Comparative figures in the report show ladies' garment workers in most cases substantially better off than in 1947.

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Chrysler Plant Sets Strike Vote

Special to the Daily Worker

WINDSOR, Canada, May 22.—Thirty-five hundred Chrysler workers here have ordered a strike vote a week from now if agreement is not made before then.

The Ontario Labor Conciliation Board recommended the company pay a \$55 a month pension or that a pension of \$100 a month be established, of which the company would pay \$55 and the workers and the company go half on the other \$45.

Chrysler refuses to do either. The Reuther-Burt leadership which sold a \$55 a month pension to Ford workers, seeks to get the Conciliation Board's proposals accepted by both the corporation and the workers.

Judge Harris Tells of Visit To Dennis in Prison

By Harry Raymond

"It is good to shake the hand of a man like that," said Judge Norval K. Harris after his 15-minute visit yesterday with Eugene Dennis in the Federal House of Detention.

Judge Harris, of the Sullivan, Ind., Circuit Court, walked out on West Street from the prison where the Communist Party general secretary is held and declared:

"I am going to work every waking moment for the defense of that fine man locked up in there."

Judge Harris is co-chairman of the National Non-Partisan Committee for Defense of the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders. He was scheduled to address a City Center Casino dinner last night on

Judge Harris stood for a moment watching the traffic move along the west side waterfront. He turned and said:

"That's the way I feel about the jailing of Dennis. What are we doing out here?"

Judge Harris said he told Dennis the committee he heads along with Paul Robeson was now "redoubling" its efforts to free him.

"I like a man like Dennis," Judge Harris said.

Judge Harris was accompanied to the West Street Federal jail by A. J. Iserman, one of the five attorneys who defended the national Communist leaders in the Foley Square trial.

Dennis 10 Days in Jail

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, has now served 10 days of his one-year term for refusing to bow to the political inquisition of the Un-American Committee. He can be written to at Federal House of Detention, 427 West St., New York City, 14, N. Y.

Also, have you dropped a line to President Truman demanding that Dennis be given his unconditional release?

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Vice-President Barkley says that although he was quoted correctly, he was misinterpreted when he said our armed forces might have to occupy additional countries. It seems that he didn't mean additional countries—he really meant additional countries.

NAACP Files Job Complaint Against 4 Radio Stations

Charges that radio and television stations WOR, WCBS, WABC and WNBC discriminated against Negroes in employment were filed yesterday by Charles A. Levy, executive

To Arbitrate Layoff Threat On 3d Avenue

The Transit Workers Union and the trustees of the Third Avenue Bus Co. yesterday agreed to arbitrate the threatened layoff of 300 workers.

Prof. Emanuel Stein of NYU, who last February arbitrated a retroactive wage agreement on the lines was named yesterday at a hearing before Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman.

It was believed that the layoffs will be held up pending Stein's decision.

FARE TALK AGAIN

The company claimed that layoffs are necessary unless substantial fare increases are permitted.

The TWU picketed the offices of Robert Moses, chairman of the Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority, at noon yesterday. The pickets, all officers of Local 100, were led by Michael Quill, international TWU president.

The demonstrators demanded wage increases for 800 Triboro office employees. Van Riper, secretary-treasurer of Local 100, said that the maximum paid these men was \$3,000, which he said was \$1,000 less than salaries paid by the Port of New York Authority.

He declared that the CIO council was seeking an agreement with the AFL to boycott the Triboro bridges and tunnels. The CIO unions will demonstrate at the opening of the Brooklyn-Manhattan tunnel Thursday at 11 a. m.

Randolph Wins

INDIANAPOLIS, May 22.—Woodruff Randolph today was assured of reelection as president of the AFL Typographic Union. With not enough ballots uncounted to make a difference, the count was Randolph 36,892; Sparkman 29,871.

Three Sisters Die In Plane Crash

ST. CHARLES, Mo., May 22.—Three sisters and a pilot were killed in a plane crash near here today. According to state police, witnesses reported a flash of light preceding the crash during a thunderstorm.

secretary of the N. Y. branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, with the State Committee Against Discrimination (SCAD).

The NAACP announced that it had received "numerous complaints" because "more qualified Negroes have not been integrated into the personnel of these major stations."

"The N.Y. branch believes that the small number of Negroes employed by these stations indicates some form of discrimination has been perpetrated against Negroes, either intentionally or unintentionally," wrote Levy.

CITE FIGURES

Statistics supplied by the NAACP revealed that at WOR only 14 of 400 employees were Negroes, two in the mailing department and 12 moving furniture in studios. At WCBS which has 1,400-1,500 employees, between 85 and 100 are Negroes, of whom 40 are porters, about 20 white collar secretarial workers and others in minor technical functions in the studio.

At WABC (WJZ) there is no record of any Negroes being employed out of about 800 workers in all. At WNBC about 30 Negroes are employed out of about 1,500 with no data available as to their jobs.

None of the stations employ Negro directors, commentators, nor do Negroes hold any job of any importance in any of the many fields connected with radio in these stations.

Davis Parade Trial Tomorrow

The case of Marion Watkins, arrested on a trumped-up charge of assault last November, when Ben Davis was released from prison, will come to trial tomorrow (Wednesday) morning in Special Sessions Court, Part I, at 100 Center St.

Watkins was one of the participants in the parade that greeted Davis on his release from prison. The parade was brutally attacked by squads of police and many were beaten.

British Tornado Kills Two Men

LONDON, May 22.—A freak tornado killed two men and injured several others as it swept across Buckinghamshire and Berkshire last night.

They're Doing a Gallup on Marc

A "series of polls" in New York's 18th Congressional District were branded as fake yesterday by Rep. Vito Marcantonio.

The American Labor Party Congressman directed his fire at Joseph F. Clements, who announced he had polled the district.

The fact that Clements did not indicate the number of an election district, he said, would go against the Congressman "is in itself proof that no such poll has been made," Marcantonio declared.

"Clements begged for and was given the American Labor Party nomination for state senator," Marcantonio recalled.

Prior to that he was a Republican

supporting Dewey. So he has gone from Republican to ALP to Democrat, and is now trying to fool the people again with phony claims."

Manhattan Democratic district leaders were privately opposing Republican boss Thomas Curran's proposal that Tammany accept Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie as a candidate against Marcantonio.

Revolt was reported brewing in the 18th District Democratic clubs against backing any GOP candidate.

One Democratic leader called the Willkie proposal a "smoke screen" behind which the Republicans are "maneuvering for position."

Mayor O'Dwyer's call for an all-out independent Tammany campaign against Marcantonio, and Tammany leader Carmine De Sapio's voiced agreement with the Mayor, is finding little support among the rank and file of Tammany clubs in the areas of the 18th district heavily populated by voters of Italian origin.

One Democratic leader was compelled to tell his district workers De Sapio was speaking with "tongue-in-check."

This, of course, is not true. And Tammany will be in for a rough time when the truth of the behind-the-scenes anti-Marcantonio struggle comes down to the rank and file of Democratic voters.

NEGRO UNIONIST ADDRESSES UOPWA PARLEY



MRS. VICTORIA GARVIN, national legislative director of the United Office and Professional Workers, takes floor at the organization's recent convention. Seated on the dais to her right are Bernard Mooney, national secretary-treasurer; Winifred Norman, Greater New York Local secretary-treasurer; and David Brown, a John Hancock Life Insurance agent, of Cleveland, and secretary of the Resolutions Committee. Mrs. Garvin and Miss Norman were elected to the union's General Executive Board.

Rally on 8 Teachers To Be Held Tonight

Students have been invited by the Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions to attend a meeting tonight protesting against the suspension of eight teachers. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged.

Speakers will be Ira A. Hirschmann, former trustee of the Board of Higher Education; Prof. Colston E. Warne of Amherst; Prof. Theodore Brameld of NYU; Dr. I. Fankuchen of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and Abraham Lederman, president of the Teachers Union and one of the suspended teachers.

Gaming Witness Says He'll Talk

James Amarante, hauled before the Brooklyn Grand Jury as a witness in the gambling investigation, decided yesterday he would end his campaign of silence after Judge Samuel Liebowitz threatened to hold him on seven counts of contempt.

Amarante, picked up in a raid on an alleged policy bank, refused to answer seven questions asked him by the grand jury. His \$5,000 bail was revoked Friday and he faces a seven-month sentence on the contempt charges Wednesday as well as \$1,750 in fines.

On another front, the Manhattan Grand Jury investigating gambling throughout the country, hauled before it Harry Richards, \$75 a week "dummy" for big-time gambler Frank Erickson in the banking of \$114,000.

See Mundt Bill a Peril To Health Campaign

The Bedford-Stuyvesant Health Congress has urged Sens. Irving Ives, Herbert Lehman and Scott Lucas to help defeat the Mundt-Nixon bill "which strikes at the very foundation of our democratic institutions."

Under the law, the group declared, the Health Congress itself would be destroyed.

800 at Dinner Honor '100 Cases'

More than 800 persons last night attended the "100 Cases Dinner" honoring the victims of the cold war against civil rights. Scheduled to speak, as the Daily Worker went to press, were William Patterson, former Rep. Jerry O'Connell, Paul Robeson, Judge Norval K. Harris, Mrs. Emma English (mother of Collis English of the Trenton Six), Harold Christoffel, Abraham Lederman, John Howard Lawson, George Marshall, Mrs. Rosalee McGee, Harry Sacher, Howard Fast, John Gates, and Rep. Vito Marcantonio.

A feature story on the dinner will appear in tomorrow's Daily Worker.

MOSS, IN RAGE, DEMANDS CRACKDOWN ON TEACHERS

Maximilian Moss, president of the Board of Education, yesterday stamped out of a meeting with parents and teachers, and demanded more drastic action against high school teachers.

Barely in control of himself, Moss demanded that School Superintendent William Jansen "assert himself" against the teachers, who are refusing to undertake voluntary activities until their salary demands are met. Jansen himself has been busy in a purge of members of the Teachers Union, and Moss' remarks could only be interpreted as a semi-hysterical demand that Jansen extend the suspensions and firings to other teacher organizations.

Hilliard Acts to Fire Union Head

Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard yesterday filed dismissal charges against Eleanor I. Coding, president of Local 1 of the United Public Workers. Hilliard accused Miss Coding, a social investigator, (a) of lateness, and (b) of "instructing" union members at a union meeting in an outside hall to "sabotage" welfare administration. The charges were the latest in a campaign by the Welfare and Education departments to purge militant union members.

Hundreds in Vigil for City Jobs

Applications for city laborer will not be distributed until noon today, but several hundred men were waiting on line yesterday afternoon across the street from the Park Department pool at West 59th Street, where the blanks will be distributed.

Some had spent Sunday night on the line. The jobs pay from \$1,860 to \$2,330.

A few weeks ago, five thousand turned up for 110 cleaners' jobs.

Smash Windows at ALP Club

Windows of the headquarters of the American Labor Party club in the Sixth A.D. North at 359 Second Ave. were smashed at 11 p.m. Sunday night.

No one was in the club at the time. Police have been informed that a group of youthful hoodlums was seen fleeing from the scene at that time.

Picket-Raid Flops At Frisco Warehouse

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—AFL Teamster picket lines have been withdrawn from the East Bay Marine Terminals after three weeks during which hundreds of teamsters were out of work.

The line was set up to raid ILWU Warehouse Local 6.

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500 AT LECTURE WRITE FREE-DENNIS LETTERS

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—A capacity crowd of 500 made Eugene Dennis' freedom the first order of business here Saturday night. Hundreds of letters to President Truman were hand-written in the Academy of Music foyer, and sent out to be mailed on the spot.

Rose Cauden, Negro Communist leader, introduced speaker Mike Gold.

"Peace is the greatest word in the world today," Gold declared. "It is everybody's business, and Dennis is America's number 1 cold war prisoner."

Gold's lecture was sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsylvania Worker.

Sit-in Strike In Lester Halts Westinghouse Unit

LESTER, Pa., May 22.—The sit-in strike of over 6,000 workers, which began Friday at the huge Westinghouse plant, was resumed today, with all production halted. The strike had been preceded Wednesday by one-hour stoppages in the fight against the company's refusal to recognize the shop stewards of the United Electrical Workers union.

The dispute began when a shop steward sought to bring forward a grievance of a Negro worker that he had been transferred from one department to another in violation of seniority rules. Negro and white workers have rallied to the struggle, which includes all shifts.

The sitdown began at 3 a. m. Friday on the third shift. A plant superintendent refused to recognize one of the stewards on specific grievance. Other stewards gathered around and demanded they all be recognized. Company spokesmen refused. In protest every third-shift worker sat down at his machine until 8 a. m.

First shift workers continued the sitdown, as did the second shift at 4 p. m. The third shift sat down again at midnight Saturday until 8 a. m. when the plant closed for the weekend.

Each of the three shifts stopped work for one hour last Wednesday over the same question.

All day Friday protest meetings were held throughout the plant, conducted by leaders of UE Local 107. The union's position was reaffirmed Saturday afternoon at a mass meeting of the local.

Negotiations on the issue are being conducted in Pittsburgh, it was reported.

Workers declared that the company's objective in refusing to recognize the stewards was to try and weaken the UE with a view toward influencing the run of NLRB election, to be held at its plant in East Pittsburgh June 1 between the CIO-UE and the UE.

The UE overwhelmingly won

representation rights at the Lester plant, second largest in the Westinghouse chain in the recent NLRB elections, by a 5 to 1 vote. The plant is responsible for about 46 percent of American steam turbine production.

Truman 'Hopes' Senate Will Vote on FEPC

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Truman today expressed only a pious "hope" that the Senate would permit Fair Employment Practices (FEPC) legislation to come to the Senate floor for debate and vote. Thus it became clear that only pressure from the people will force passage of FEPC.

Truman's hope was voiced as Senate Democratic leaders arranged to confer with him tomorrow morning on the fate of FEPC and other major legislation now in the yearly congressional bottleneck.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill.) has promised to bring FEPC up for another test vote in two weeks. The promise was made after the Senate defeated a move to end the filibuster on the motion to bring up the bill or not.

The 52 to 32 vote, which found only 19 Democrats supporting the motion, indicated the Administration had not applied any pressure among its forces to support the important vote.

behalf of 100 cases of political persecution.

"They will never break the spirit of a man like Eugene Dennis," said Judge Harris. "He is a great American citizen."

Judge Harris said his visit to Dennis in jail made him think of the historic visit paid by Ralph Waldo Emerson to Henry Thoreau when the latter was imprisoned for refusing to pay taxes to slave states.

"Do you know what Emerson said?" Judge Harris asked. "He asked Thoreau, 'What are you doing in there?' And Thoreau answered: 'What are you doing out there?'"

Judge Harris Tells of Visit To Dennis in Prison

By Harry Raymond

"It is good to shake the hand of a man like that," said Judge Norval K. Harris after his 15-minute visit yesterday with Eugene Dennis in the Federal House of Detention.

Judge Harris, of the Sullivan, Ind., Circuit Court, walked out on West Street from the prison where the Communist Party general secretary is held and declared:

"I am going to work every waking moment for the defense of that fine man locked up in there."

Judge Harris is co-chairman of the National Non-Partisan Committee for Defense of the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders. He was scheduled to address a City Center Casino dinner last night on

Longshoreman Lays South Amboy Blast to Speedup, Overloading

By a Longshoreman

As a longshoreman who worked for the James Healing Co. during and after the war, I wish to bring to your attention and to the readers of the Daily Worker many pertinent facts in connection with working conditions both at South Amboy and at Leonardo, N. J. The loading at South Amboy was done in the crudest manner imaginable. Speedup was forever the main thought. The gear available was crude, old and dilapidated. There was no direct supervision by the Coast Guard at this point; therefore every short cut, every means of obtaining greater tonnage per hour out of the longshore gangs was used.

At Leonardo, overloading of drafts was a continuous practice when Coast Guard officers were not around. While loading started at eight to ten tons per hour at the beginning, the speedup reached a furious pace during the war and after the war when ammunition was returned to this country. Twenty to 25 tons an hour was the rate of loading at its height.

Whenever Coast Guard officers would catch gangs overloading drafts, a threat of taking away their explosives permits would stop the practice but only temporarily.

The shupping system and the contract stevedoring system both are primarily responsible for the irresponsible and dangerous manner in which explosives have been and will be handled. Foremen of "gangs" and their men would fear they would not be hired for the next day's work if they were to handle explosives as they should be handled.

Contracting stevedores want as many tons loaded as possible because they are paid so much per ton.

Besides overloading, there were other abuses: (1) inexperienced men operated winches. (2) One man would operate both "up and down" and "burton" winches, one with each hand. (3) Gangway or signal men would leave their place of duty and rely on winchmen being able to see the loading deck and hold of ship when moving drafts. (4) Burets would be dragged by winches from wings of hold. (5) Boxes of ammunition would be thrown by longshoremen instead of being placed lightly on loading "pie plates." (6) Gangs of men would be overworked sometimes as many as 14 and 15 hours per day at a furious pace. The South Amboy gang had probably been overworked the day the explosion took place. (7) Longshoremen were not instructed, in any manner whatsoever, as to the dangerous stuff they were handling. T.N.T. was handled the

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Fur Board Blasts Strikebreaking

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, May 22.—The CIO's top leadership today was branded as strikebreakers in documented evidence contained in the report of the executive board submitted to the convention delegates of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union.

The report of the 32-member board cited case after case of strike-breaking and union-busting service to employers, describing in particular detail the CIO leaders' role in the Virginia Oak Tannery walkout of nearly a year's duration at Luray, Va., and in the equally hard-fought nine-month Cloversville, N. Y., strike.

The report also contained the union's reply to the CIO's charges of "Communist domination" due to come up in a kangaroo trial June 6. The reply, in effect, is a scathing indictment of the CIO's top command for completely abandoning the CIO's original program and embracing a reactionary program on all important counts.

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Europe's Splitters Got \$2,496,921 from ILGW

ATLANTIC CITY.—The membership of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union stands at 423,000 and there are 100,000 still unorganized in the industry, it is shown in the General Executive Board report to the Union's 50th jubilee convention, opening tomorrow.

The report also noted that hourly earnings of workers in most branches either stood still or declined a bit since the union's 1947 convention, although the cost of living rose.

The report notes that dress wages averaging \$1.37 last year dropped 3 cents from 1948, and rose only 2 cents over 1947. Cloak wages, highest in the industry, suffered a small drop, while most other branches are either below or slightly above \$1 an hour.

David Dubinsky, ILGWU president, said at a press conference that the union gained 44,000 members in three years, but gave no indication of how much of that came as a result of organizing new shops. Comparative figures in the report show ladies' garment workers in most cases substantially below the industry average.

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Chrysler Plant Sets Strike Vote

Special to the Daily Worker

WINDSOR, Canada, May 22.—Thirty-five hundred Chrysler workers here have ordered a strike vote a week from now if agreement is not made before then.

The Ontario Labor Conciliation Board recommended the company pay a \$55 a month pension or that a pension of \$100 a month be established, of which the company would pay \$55 and the workers and the company go half on the other \$45.

Chrysler refuses to do either. The Reuther-Burt leadership which sold a \$55 a month pension to Ford workers, seeks to get the Conciliation Board's proposals accepted by both the corporation and the workers.

Dennis 10 Days in Jail

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, has now served 10 days of his one-year term for refusing to bow to the political inquisition of the Un-American Committee. He can be written to at Federal House of Detention, 427 West St., New York City, 14, N. Y.

Also, have you dropped a line to President Truman demanding that Dennis be given his unconditional release?

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Vice-President Barkley says that although he was quoted correctly, he was misinterpreted when he said our armed forces might have to occupy additional countries. It seems that he didn't mean additional countries—he really meant additional countries.

Demo Brass Squabble Over Probe of Rackets

By Michael Singer

Democratic leaders here and in Washington are fervently hoping that a Brooklyn political blow-off can be averted. Unless the struggle for power among the country's 24 district leaders is resolved they see a terrific crackup of their city and state machine. The

spectre of jail and scandalous disclosures of official connections with racketeers is a constant nightmare in high party circles. From Mayor O'Dwyer and Paul Fitzpatrick, state Democratic chairman, down to the lowliest club wardheeler, desperate efforts are being made to maneuver the party out of its present mess in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn is the strongest Democratic vote-getting county in the nation; it has the largest patronage outlet in the city. Tammany Hall notwithstanding, it is the mainstay of the party's power in New York City.

Many Democratic voters are asking: "What's going on?"

Following are answers given to this reporter by high party authorities here and from Albany sources and summed up in conversation with one informant:

"The gambling probe now being conducted by Brooklyn District Attorney Miles McDonald is dangerous business for the top brass in the party; it shows high police officials connected with racketeers and bookmakers and even puts City Hall on the spot. O'Dwyer wants to stop that probe, and he ordered John Cashmore, county leader, to put the skids to it."

"Why is McDonald going ahead with it then? And why is Cashmore backing McDonald against O'Dwyer?"

"McDonald has a theory: If Dewey could do it, why can't I? Remember how Dewey made himself governor on his gang-busting reputation as District Attorney? McDonald has the goods on the party and he's using it for his own political feather-bedding. As for Cashmore, he's still sore at the way O'Dwyer knifed him after promising to make him mayor in 1949."

STIFLED AMBITION

"Besides, Cashmore's not getting the patronage he used to, now that O'Dwyer has made up with Tammany. Another thing, Cashmore wants to be governor and the mayor, after committing himself to pushing those ambitions, has always tripped him up at pre-convention times."

"What does McDonald want?"

"Well you know better than I do what a Negro-hating DA he is; he couldn't stand a chance in a wide-open race for any state office. But he wants to be either a big-shot judge or take a crack at the Attorney-General post in November."

The speaker then went on to recall how O'Dwyer and McDonald snarled at each other publicly in the press three weeks ago; how O'Dwyer refused to admit he was "satisfied" with Cashmore, at a City Hall press conference a week ago; how Police Commissioner O'Brien showed concern over the Brooklyn probe that has already netted a few captains and lieutenants.

"Suppose the Grand Jury is a runaway jury; suppose some bookie really starts talking, and neither O'Dwyer or Cashmore can prevent a public airing of the political

racketeering, can you imagine what damage that does to the Democratic chances this fall?" the informant continued. "Not to mention that some big shots face prison terms."

"How does the mayor intend to stop this powder-keg from blowing up?" we asked.

He explained. The mayor, having failed to get Cashmore to stamp out the fuse, directed Assembly Minority leader Irwin Steingut, Democratic chief in the 18th A.D. to seek Cashmore's ouster. Two weeks ago Steingut personally delivered an ultimatum to the borough leader to step down; Cashmore refused.

"But we thought O'Dwyer and Steingut were on the outs?"

"They were, but not now. Remember that O'Dwyer replaced Joseph McNamara, Civil Service Commission chief, with Paul P. Brennan from Steingut's district only two weeks ago. That was a reconciliation gesture."

STEINGUT'S THE MAN

We asked our politically informed observer to go on. "Should the McDonald grand jury pull out the stops, O'Dwyer would need a leader who could use his influence in Albany to hold up a state probe; he needs a leader who would put McDonald in his place and he needs a leader who could unite the Democratic machine in Brooklyn during the November campaign. Steingut is just that man."

NEEDS DEWEY

The speaker stopped. "You know, of course, that O'Dwyer would want to see Dewey re-elected as governor. The little man in Albany has stopped every move to investigate the city administration; he's worked out every deal with the mayor so far . . . he counted on his fingers . . . 'higher fare, no schools, no state aid, taxes and lots more, not to mention a few things that go back to the days when O'Dwyer was Brooklyn DA. What if Dewey doesn't run again? The mayor's really in the soup then. No Democratic governor will protect O'Dwyer the way Dewey did; they don't like him for one thing, they don't need him, for another."

"Where does that fit into the Brooklyn picture?" we asked.

"Like money in the bank," he said. "If O'Dwyer were to run for governor he'd need a united Brooklyn machine to elect him; he'd certainly need it for the nomination. If he doesn't run he'd want a Brooklyn machine that would support his own candidate. With Dewey out of the picture he's got to have a county leader who knows the ropes in Albany and can pull them when needed, no matter who's governor. Steingut is that man."

I asked: "How come that Bishop Mulloy, close intimate of McDonald and called the real political string-puller in Brooklyn is allowing all this when everybody knows



O'DWYER
Desperately Maneuvering

how the Catholic hierarchy is behind O'Dwyer. Isn't there a contradiction?"

The man looked out the window for a long time. Then he said: "Contradiction? Sure. You know, somehow I think maybe there won't be much of an investigation in Brooklyn after all!"

Banker-Jurors Accused Of Breaking the Law

By Art Shields

Many bankers on the Federal Grand Jury panels in New York are directors of Wall Street houses awaiting trial before Judge Harold R. Medina in the Investment Bankers conspiracy case. These banker-jurors are charged with cornering the credit of the country and ruining small business men.

Members of the House of Morgan, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Dillon, Read & Co., and other billionaire investment firms are among them.

An examination of the jury rolls shows that many other banker-jurors are defendants in other Federal Anti-trust suits.

This means that the very "blue-ribbon" jurors who indict workingmen on cooked-up charges of law violations are themselves accused of breaking the law.

None of the accused bankers, however, is in danger of going to prison from Medina's court like the Communist leaders. The criminal provisions of the Anti-Trust Act were not invoked in their cases by the Truman Administration. The bankers are merely defendants in toothless civil cases, where no punishment is given.

IMMUNITY

The bankers won't be indicted as criminals while they control the indicting machinery.

They were told years ago by a high Federal judge that they were not likely to get in trouble with the courts while business men had charge of the juries.

This hint of immunity was given by Judge John Clark Knox, the senior judge of the U. S. District Court on Foley Square, who is a banker himself. . . . He is a trustee of the Union Dime Savings Bank, a quarter of a billion dollar institution.

The text of Judge Knox's immunity remarks is now in the hands of the U. S. Court of Appeals. It was presented to the court by Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and his 10 co-defendants, whose appeal will be argued June 21, 22 and 23.

Knox made his immunity speech in 1948 at the annual meeting of the Federal Grand Jury Association. This is a clique of millionaire bankers and brokers, who handpick

Fifteen persons who protested the police frameup and beating of Louis Alston, Negro veteran and Labor Youth League member, have been subpoenaed to appear this morning (Tuesday) before Kings County district attorney Miles MacDonald.

The 15 Brighton Beach community leaders had urged Mayor O'Dwyer, MacDonald and Capt. Winterhalter of the 80th precinct, Brooklyn, in three separate wires to investigate the case and suspend officers guilty of the beating of Alston.

The case of Alston, who has been framed on a rape charge, was postponed yesterday until May 31. He was brutally beaten and arrested April 18 by police when he was seen in the company of a white woman.

About 10 police beat Alston so viciously that he was taken to Kings County Hospital for four days. He is still being held on \$5,000 bail.

The woman he was charged with raping refused to testify against him. She has also been kept in jail on \$2,500 bond.

In another attempt to stifle community support for Alston, Capt. Winterhalter summoned the signers of the wire to appear before him. A delegation told the police captain that they wanted the officers

involved in the beating suspended from the force.

An open air meeting to acquaint the community with the police attack will be held tonight at Brighton Beach Avenue and Brighton 11 St. Thousands of leaflets on the case have already been distributed and 500 signatures have been collected in the past two days demanding dismissal of rape charges.

The committee to Defend Louis Alston urged that wires be sent to MacDonald demanding that he investigate the case and cease his intimidation of persons interested in exposing the police frameup.

Pilgrimage Sunday To Whitman Grave

PHILADELPHIA, May 22. —

Howard Fast and Mother Bloor are to speak at this year's ceremonies at Walt Whitman's grave in Camden this Sunday, at 1:30 p.m.

It is the 131st birthday of America's national poet. His shrine at Harleigh Cemetery has been the site of an annual pilgrimage.

Federal jurors under the direction of Judge Knox.

Knox warned the juror bankers in this speech that they might be summoned before Grand Jurors themselves on charges of law violations.

"But with your experience you will not give way to despair," said the senior judge in the Foley Square Court.

FRIENDS ON JURY

"You will be sustained by the realization that before the wrath of Government can fall upon you, a Grand Jury, made up of understanding men and women—who are themselves experienced in the marts of trade and business, must first pronounce against you the word of condemnation. . . . Their fairness and understanding . . . will constitute your shield and buckler, and sure defense."

Many more bankers flocked into Grand Juries after this broad immunity hint.

Many other bankers had planted themselves on the juries several years earlier in response to another immunity hint from the Federal Grand Jury Association.

'SOUND MEN'

The jury association's tip to the bankers on the protective value of jury service is contained in the following letter, which it addressed to Wall Street executives:

"You or your relatives . . . said the letter to the bankers, 'might some days have to stand-trial before a jury in some court. What sort of a jury would you want to hear and decide your fate? One composed largely of irresponsible men, lacking in fairness and intelligence? Or would you prefer to place your fate in the hands of sound, clear-headed men of the kind who make up your organization?'"

The jury association then asked the bankers to rush in the names

of jury nominees. The bankers accepted the offer in joyful replies.

Some of this damning correspondence has been turned over to the Court of Appeals by Dennis and his colleagues. The letters were reproduced from the files of The Federal Juror, official organ of the Federal Grand Jury Association.

NAMES CITED

Dennis and his comrades also furnished the Court with the names of hundreds of Big Business executives on the Federal Grand Jury rosters.

And the names of financiers, whose houses are in the dock in the Investment Bankers case, can easily be spotted on this banker-juror list.

Thus one notices—

THOMAS LAMONT, partner of the dominant banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., whose subsidiary Morgan Stanley & Co. is under prosecution.

CHARLES S. McCAIN, president of Dillon, Read & Co., the house that took the lead in financing the rearmament of Germany—another defendant in the case.

GEORGE W. BOVINIZER, partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., another defendant.

And many, many others in this and other Anti-Trust cases.

These bankers are the real rulers of America. They give orders to President Truman as well as to the Grand Juries. They dictate the indictment of Communists for teaching the century-old principles of Marxian Socialism, while giving immunity to themselves in the Courts.

TOMORROW: How the bankers on the Grand Jury protect themselves from prosecution.

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NEW LOW PRICES
PHILCO
Air Conditioners
Passes Philco winter tests that bring COOL COMFORT even on hottest days. Easy Terms.
Standard Brand

Rain Pelts Flooded Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Canada, May 22.—

Rain today added to the woes of this flood-engulfed area. Flood-fighters, however, were hopeful that the dikes would continue to hold against rushing waters of the Red River.

Officials reported that the river, now flooding more than 600 square miles, is expected to remain at a critically high level for at least another week. They said the river would have to drop five feet before danger is past.

Of Things to Come World Role Of U.S. Negroes

By John Pittman

WALTER WHITE, secretary of the NAACP, recently protested an attempt to revive the tattered old Hollywood tribute to Ku Kluxism, *Birth Of A Nation*. This was a good deed, but, as usual, White spoiled it. While baring his teeth at this fascist film, he found it necessary to prostrate himself before the billionaires who made it and are today responsible for its survival. He said: "In Asia, Africa and Latin America, I have seen American prestige sinking lower and lower because of the foul propaganda of pictures like *Birth Of A Nation*." This argument for banning the film will not make for White's greater popularity among Negroes. His concern for the prestige of the Truman government abroad seems to overshadow by far his concern for the sufferings inflicted on the Negro people by the Truman government at home. But if White's viewpoint fails to curry favor with his own people, you may be sure it will win approval from the high and mighty in Washington and Wall Street. For the fact of the matter is that White has put into words what these circles are now doing.

THE BILLIONAIRES and their Democratic and Republican Party lackeys are showing how strategically important to the struggle for peace is the international position of the Negro people. They were confronted with a growing contradiction between what they preach and what they practice. Their problem was to step up the drive for world conquest, the suppression of colonial liberation movements, and the fascization of the United States, but at the same time to hide these moves from the peoples. To solve this problem, they resorted to greater hypocrisy, bigger lies and shams.

So while the U. S. Supreme Court knocks out the legal bases for the Negro's struggle for full citizenship and dooms framed Negroes to death, the billionaires' newspapers, magazines, radio and moving pictures try to portray the United States as a land free from any and all forms of national oppression. While Kluxers ride again in North and South and Negroes' homes are bombed, Washington sends Negro students and glee clubs and artists overseas on "Crusades Against Communism."

And it may be recalled that at the very time the Fair Employment Practice bill was being emasculated by the Democrats and Republicans, Walter White himself was "explaining" to peoples abroad the gap between Truman's words and Truman's deed.

PROGRESSIVE FORCES in America, with certain notable exceptions, are lagging far behind the warmakers and pro-fascists in their sensitivity to this strategic international importance of the Negro people's struggles. First of the exceptions, of course, is the Communist Party, whose national committee at its recent meeting gave considerable attention to this question. The report of Benjamin J. Davis, especially, noted the inter-connection between the liberation movements of the colonial peoples and of U. S. Negroes.

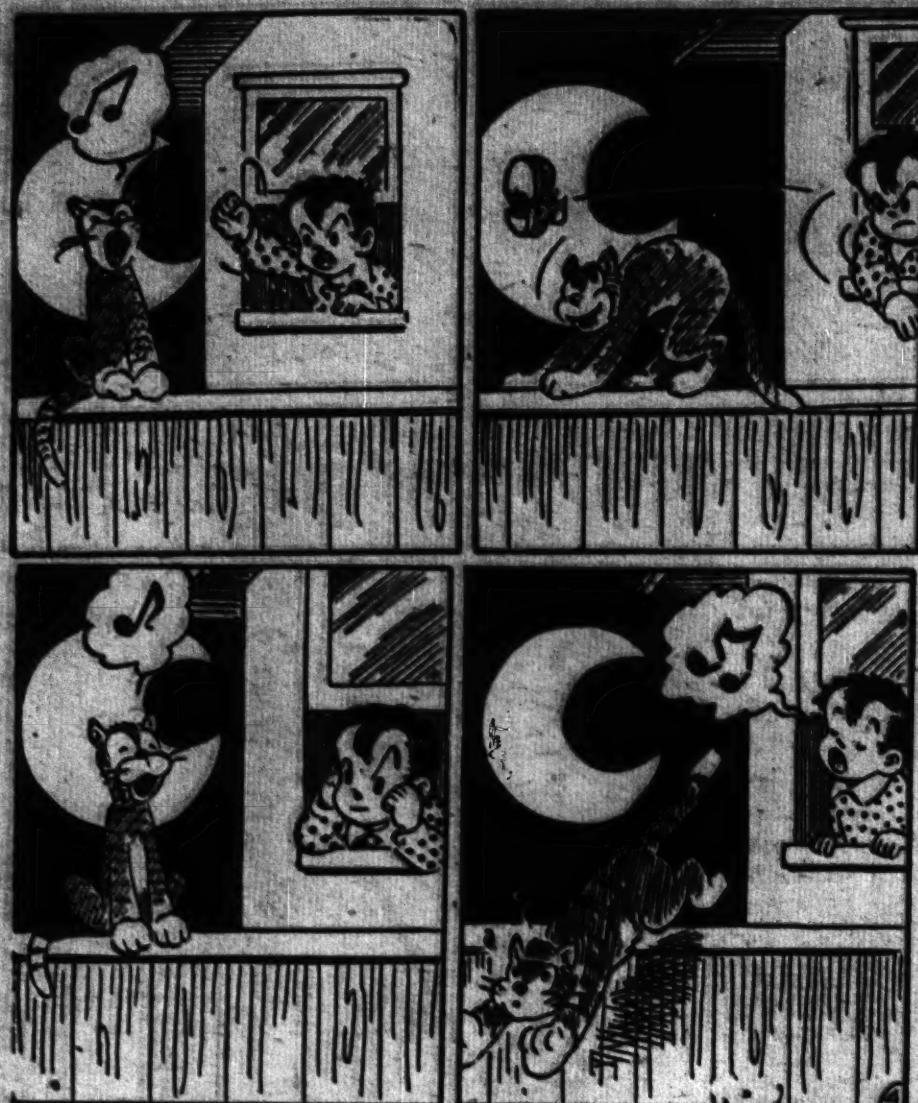
There is also in the Freedom Theater's production of Herb Tank's *Longitude 49* a clearly stated explanation of this relationship. Tank uses the British physician in a Middle Eastern port to set forth this idea. When the ship's captain and first mate conspire to leave behind in police custody the Negro ship's delegate, who has been shot by the Kluxer first mate, the British doctor says this cannot be done. Because this would create an explosive situation for the British and for the Americans, too. The "natives" would see only that a dark skinned American had been shot by a white man, and that would be bad!

This linking of the Negro people's struggle with the fight for peace, would seem a natural thing for the trade unions and other organizations which face extinction from fascism and war. But even among progressive trade unionists there is considerable resistance to sponsorship and participation in Negro struggles; in such important Negro developments, for instance, as the National Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights in Chicago, June 10 and 11. Yet this conference will obviously strike a blow for peace.

The truth of the matter is that in the present situation the very omission or neglect to enter the fight for Negro liberation constitutes, by default, aid and comfort for the forces of fascism and war.

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



Letters from Readers

Urges Amalgamated Organize Open Shops

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was interested in reading the report to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' convention which indicated there was 20 percent less production of garments in 1949 than in 1948. I am quite sure the union officials are aware of the fact that this drop was not for the industry as a whole.

The non-union open shops

have been going full blast through taking it out on the workers. This has affected the union shops. Why doesn't the union organize these open shops which are springing up all over and threatening to destroy standards for which Amalgamated members struggled for so many years?

Baltimore is one place where open shops have been growing without the slightest attempt by the ACWA to organize them.

Member of the
Amalgamated

Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Walter Lippmann contemplates some typical capitalist double-talk. "Mr. Grundy," he says, "has been inviting the people to dream the American dream of an ever better life in happy and peaceful American communities. Mr. Acheson has made the people feel that they are gravely threatened, that the resources diplomacy are so nearly exhausted, that the situation cannot be righted except by a swift increase of American military power." Lippmann suspects that "the contrast is so wide that this nation and no doubt the nations abroad are confused."

THE MIRROR's Drew Pearson suggests that President Truman make a tour of Europe to "give off-the-cuff sincere facts about what we have done for Europe, and why." Truman would become "the world's No. 1 salesman of democracy" and would drown out that nasty Moscow Radio which charges his administration with being the world's worst warmonger. Right above that, Pearson says the U. S. Army has developed a gas which acts to "degenerate vital brain cells until the victim loses his sanity."

THE NEWS quickly takes the cue from the Supreme Court ruling for Taft-Hartley and a New York court okay on the Painters Union ouster of three unionists as "Communists." The News advising bosses on "getting along with labor," tells them to fire "any Communists or fellow-travelers around the plant" because "these people are profes-

sional troublemakers." Then, says the News, "You can get along smoothly with your labor in the great majority of cases, and whether the shop is union or non-union." In other words, fire as a "Communist" any militant worker. Then, as the News says it, it doesn't matter "whether the shop is union or non-union."

THE POST, after having greeted joyously the Franco-Nazi steel cartel, hypocritically pretends to be concerned by the revelation that half of the civil servants in the U. S. zone or Germany are "former Nazis." Max Lerner finds his critical "conditions confirmed" on the steel pool by Chancellor Adenauer's speech on "how wonderful a united Europe will be built around a united cartel-bloc of the Ruhr, Saar and Lorraine industrialists, which Germany and Wall Street will be able to control."

THE WORLD TELEGRAM's Ludwell Denny sobs about the "lonely peoples" behind the "Iron Curtain" who "fear they are forgotten by America and Britain." Not really. The "lonely peoples" know that Truman and Bevin are working night and day building atom bombs for them.

THE TIMES wants all the 12 countries of the North Atlantic war pact "so to concert their foreign policy as to present at all times a united front." The Times is one of the papers which says that all the people's democracies are "satellites" and "tools of the Kremlin" because they present, at all times, a united front peace.—R. R.

World of Labor

By
George
Morris

An AFL Leader Speaks Out On the Mundt Bill

THOUGHT CONTROL FOR AMERICA is now recognized by some conservative labor leaders as a definite threat. This has been evident especially since the Mundt-Nixon bill was reintroduced in Congress. About every section of the labor movement expressed its official opposition to the measure.

So far, however, most union officials have done little more than put themselves on record against the bill. At the recent steel and textile conventions opposition to the Mundt bill was merely formally included in an omnibus resolution without even an explanation of what the measure means. None of the platform speakers mentioned it.

The latest events have caused even some of the conservative leaders of labor to speak out more vigorously. Despite their well known anti-Communism they are frankly recognizing that freedom is indivisible—that you can't take it from the Communists and still retain it for those on the right. An example of this trend is the message to the 400,000 members of the AFL's Hotel and Restaurant Employees by its president, Hugo Ernst. His article in the May issue of the *Catering Industry Employee* is titled "Thought Control: The End of Freedom."

"IT IS AIMED straight at every man and woman who expresses honest convictions which may now and then differ with some policy of the government," writes Ernst.

"The bill is a 'clear and present danger' to our trade unions, and other voluntary associations which may take positions on public questions at odds with those of Mundt-Nixon-Ferguson, Pegler or that professional patriot Col. 'Bertie' McCormick."

"Under this bill, if one party such as the Communists, can be put out of business today, any other party can be put out of business tomorrow. . . . Our own Political Education League, for example, could be regarded as having 'some . . . of the ordinary attributes' of a political party."

Ernst asks: "How will it be decided which groups are 'Communist political' or 'front' organizations?" He notes that "recently some AFL unions have ventured to criticize the Marshall Plan," and adds:

"If the Mundt-Nixon-Ferguson bill passes, these unions would be suspected because opposition to the Marshall Plan happens to be part of the Communist line."

"And in domestic matters!"

"Any group could be easily classified as 'subversive' by taking positions against the poll tax, or for an FEPC, or for the national health insurance plan, or for federal housing—since all of those positions do not 'deviate' from the 'policies of the Communists'."

"A union which goes to bat for the repeal of Taft-Hartley or for better social security and similar objectives could be wiped out as a 'Communist front' organization."

"THIS BILL is the greatest menace facing organized labor, because its real purpose is not just the outlawing of the Communist Party," concluded Ernst. "It is really aimed at all criticism of entrenched reaction, and all of us who believe in social and economic justice for the people."

Mr. Ernst's position is distinctly an advance over the stand of most other rightwing labor leaders. He rejects the line of rightwing ideologists like Louis Waldman who says that Liberals and labor should support the Mundt bill and the outlawing of the Communist Party on the idiotic claim that the Communists do not represent a "legitimate" political movement.

Rightwing labor leaders cannot escape the implications of a show like that staged by Sen. McCarthy. They see the meaning of the GOP's line against "socialism" as the main danger. They are studying the meaning of some of the recent Supreme Court decisions validating the "loyalty" oath and its Taft-Hartley application for labor leaders. They can no longer escape the reality that the singling out of the Communists as the targets is just sucker-bait to catch the anti-Communist leader and the entire labor and allied movements into the net. Those who speak up as Ernst does are still a minority. But their number will grow.

COMING: Scrambled Eggs, By Joseph North . . . in the weekend Worker

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Both Are Right

THE VOTE WAS 12 SHORT to get the anti-jimcrow FEPC bill on to the floor. Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats would make a move to block the filibuster of the Dixiecrats. Why? Because they secretly believe what the Dixiecrats state openly; they are all "white supremacy" upholders.

So Sen. Scott Lucas, fronting for Truman, placed the blame on the GOP.

And Sen. Kenneth Wherry, leading the GOP, easily debunked the Truman Democrats. He asked why the White House didn't put the heat on to force the Demos into line.

Each told the truth about the other.

Both Wall Street parties are hogtied to the "white supremacy" system. Neither wants an FEPC except as a vote-getting promise for election time. As Rep. Vito Marcantonio said: "They want it as an issue for election, not as a law."

Meanwhile, this skin-game of the two-party system is betraying the Negro people and the nation as a whole. It is perpetuating the discrimination which keeps Negroes out of jobs, which violates the U. S. Constitution every day in the year.

The fight is not over. It can't be over until jimcrow on the job is outlawed all over the United States.

The pressure has got to be increased on both the GOP and Democrats. Only such popular pressure can force these tricky gentlemen to act. We urge more wires, more meetings, more delegations to Washington as the only answer to the latest piece of shameless Ku Klux Klannery in the Senate. The FEPC can come up again next week if forced out on the floor.

South Amboy's Tragic Lesson

THE MUNITIONS EXPLOSION at South Amboy is a tragedy for the families whose dear ones will never come back.

It is also a crime committed by the men who are making fortunes out of the cold war and the armaments program.

We are shaken and shocked by this sudden killing of innocent people. What must America think of the men who are piling up atom bombs which can murder MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS in a matter of seconds? The old-fashioned explosive can kill hundreds, maybe thousands. The A-bomb would destroy entire cities at a single blow.

SOME OF THE CITIZENS of South Amboy were panicked into thinking that "Stalin had begun the war." That, at least, is how the press reported it.

Our minds are so filled with the "inevitable war" poison by the government, the generals and the press that such insane thoughts of war spring first into people's minds. It is like the days when the anti-Catholic bigotry attributed all fires to the Pope or the anti-Socialist hysteria which attributed the great Chicago Fire of 1871 to the First International and Karl Marx. This same madness is being deliberately spread in the press, in Congress, by the White House, the Joe McCarthys and the rest of them.

LET US PROTECT OURSELVES against any new mass slaughters!

Let us all unite to outlaw the A-bomb and the murderous armaments race. This Thursday will see the high point of a New York drive for 250,000 signatures in May for outlawing the A-bomb. The Labor Peace Committee sponsors this drive. Is there any New Yorker who will refuse to join this fight to protect his family? There should be a tremendous effort made to get these petitions out to the people.

HOME TO ROOST



By Fred Ellis

World Communist Press--Mighty Weapon for Peace

The Communist press, and its phenomenal growth throughout the world, constitutes a primary instrument in the universal struggle for peace. The press, owned by the capitalists of the world, especially those of Wall Street, shuns this subject, or maligns it.

Therefore most Americans do not know these vital facts:

There are more than 7,700 newspapers and 1,400 journals published in the USSR, all engaged in the crusade for peace. The newspapers enjoy a total circulation of 33,500,000 copies daily. This is 12½ times more than the daily circulation of Czarist Russia of 1913.

The total circulation of Polish papers have risen from 900,000 copies before the war to 4,200,000 today; all devoted to peace.

Romania's circulation has jumped from 2,500,000 in 1945 to 4,604,000 today and no day passes without a campaign to halt a third world war.

Bulgaria, likewise. Its 11 dailies have a total circulation of 1,046,000. Likewise Hungary, which prints more than 360 papers and journals. "Sabad Nep" alone, the central organ of the Hungarian Working People's Party, prints 460,000 daily.

"Rudo Pravo," organ of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, has a circulation today of 738,000. Up from 461,000 in February, 1948.

Today's China publishes more than 250 newspapers and journals.

A STUDY of these newspapers reveals their central objective: to prevent war. This is also true of the Communist newspapers in countries where capitalism still dominates: France, Italy, elsewhere through the world.

Consistently, daily, they crusade to expose all propaganda that calls war inevitable; simultaneously, they alert the peoples against underestimating the danger of war.

These facts and figures appeared in the publication, "For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy," the organ of the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers Parties, honoring the first issue of "Pravda," whose 38th birthday was celebrated May 5.

The article is titled: "The Press—Sharpest Weapon of the Communist Parties in the Struggle for Peace."

It declares that the working

class press can render invaluable service to the peace movement by tirelessly explaining the aims and tasks of the struggle for peace. That press must expose the Big Business journals which black-out all truth concerning the all-peoples' movement for peace and for the prohibition of the atom bomb.

CENTRAL, TODAY, is the campaign for millions of signatures to the appeal of the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress to prohibit the atomic bomb and to denounce the government first using it as a war criminal.

The article emphasizes that the Communist and democratic newspapers play a most vital role in the struggle against imperialism, and in developing new forms of organization of the peace movement.

It highlights the close contact between the Communist newspapers and the working people.

The Polish peasant paper "Gromada," for instance, receives an average of 6,000 letters a month.

Newspapers in the People's Democracies are continually expanding criticism and self-criticism, making good use of correspondents from industry

and farmside. These papers develop and multiply these forces and stimulate the creative activity of the masses.

THE ARTICLE excoriates the expanding terror against the progressive press within the nations dominated by capitalism. It calls this a part of the ideological "preparation" of Wall Street for a new war to dominate the world. Nor do the monopoly press trusts confine themselves to the American market, the article says. They buy up capitalist newspapers, publishers, their entire staffs, in countries dominated by Big Business, and force them to lie, slander, bribe, all to conceal the truth about the Soviet Union, the People's Democracies and the world-wide movement for peace.

The article concludes that the world Communist and democratic press will rally millions of fighters for peace, irrespective of their political and religious views. It describes these newspapers as a "gigantic, effective force" that will "direct" the broadest masses of people along the path of bold, resolute struggle for peace all over the world, for democracy and for Socialism.

U. S., CANADA YOUTH TO PLEDGE FIGHT ON A-BOMB

BLAINE, Wash., May 22. — Massed on the Canadian border here, youth of the U. S. and Canada on Sunday, June 4, will pledge to young people the world over never to use atomic or bacteriological hell weapons. Signing of the pledge will highlight an international youth rally at Peace Arch Park here, the Canadian-American sponsoring committee announced this week. Text of the stirring pledge:

"To young people in whatever part of the world you may be we solemnly promise that we Canadian and American youth gathered at Peace Arch Park will never drop atomic bombs on your cities, nor spray your homes with the bacteria of either disease or hate."

Word of the peace action will be sped to United Nations General Secretary Trygve Lie and to youth organizations in every nation in the world, sponsors announced.

From both sides of the border plans are under way for caravans of cars and chartered busses to converge at the huge arch, erected in observance of friendly relations between the U. S. and Canada. Cars will be bedecked with peace slogans, signs and bumper panels as they stream into the pleasant park.

All day picnic plans are being laid by many families who will mark the day in recreation with the children whose future the rally will help decide.



by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Member, National Committee, Communist Party

What the Cold War Did to South Amboy

A 600-TON LOAD of deadly ammunition blew up Friday night in the Pennsylvania RR docks at South Amboy, N. J. Twenty-five men working there are listed as "missing," at least four other people are reported killed and 300 injured. The blasted little city of 10,000 people is a shambles, strewn with fragments of live ammunition. Damage to homes and stores is estimated at \$1,000,000. Rescuers found a headless body floating in Raritan Bay, the Associated Press reports.

Ten carloads of munitions (dynamite, fuses, shells, mines, powder are mentioned) arrived by rail from Norwalk, O. Imagine how many American towns and cities they passed through en route, which might have met the same fate as South Amboy! The railroad was unloading onto barges, which were to take the loads out to a ship in Raritan Bay. The ship is named as one belonging to the Isbrandtson Steamship Co. The president of this line, Hans Isbrandtson of New York, said one of his ships was standing off South Amboy awaiting munitions to go to Pakistan.

Eyewitness accounts are numerous. Ed Heims of Lawrence Harbor, three miles away, said: "It looked like a picture of an atom bomb exploding with white and grey smoke mushrooming into the sky." A 63-year-old coal barge worker, Charles Bersin, showed the effect of red-baiting when he said, "I thought Stalin was over here!"

No, brother, it wasn't Stalin; it is the Marshall Plan that is over here! Paul Kosene, a reporter, also said the blast's huge concentric circles of heat looked just like pictures of the atom bomb. Mushroom clouds of heat, he said, had the clouds in the sky boiling and the flames shot at least 500 feet into the air.

THUS, AS PEACEFUL FAMILIES sat down to supper, death, disaster, ruin . . . came to South Amboy, N. J., an American city. That the danger of atomic warfare is present, even subconsciously in the minds of Americans, is evidenced by their reactions. "Many people thought an atom bomb had gone off and shouts of 'War' and 'Run for your lives' filled the streets. People poured from homes, some clutching napkins from their evening meal," says the AP report. Mrs. Kudrick, working in a dress shop on one of the main streets, reported: "People were cut with flying glass and they stood as if hypnotized as blood poured from their wounds."

This happened on the New Jersey coast, bordering lower New York Bay, about 30 miles southeast from Manhattan. It could happen in Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Va., and in other ports. In the New York Times of Saturday, page 3, there was an article on a struggle between the Coast Guard and Joseph P. Ryan, president of the AFL International Longshoremen's Union. The Coast Guard was reported to have tried to limit Class A explosives in South Amboy and Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn, because these once-isolated loading areas are now too close to thickly populated communities. The attempted regulations brought on indignant protest from Czar Ryan, who called on Mayor O'Dwyer to protest the port's industrial activity.

Last Wednesday Ryan spoke at a meeting of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York against the regulations, stating that the South Amboy docks have handled this type of cargo since 1916 and it was "ridiculous" that it should suddenly become dangerous. Adm. Smith of the Coast Guard admitted that Gravesend Bay has become a populated area, including a 16-story veteran's hospital, and insisted that the embargo remain. It comes too late to save South Amboy.

BUT ADM. SMITH makes a fine distinction between commercial and Army and Navy shipping bases. He designates as "satisfactory" such areas as North Bergen, N. J.; Delaware Bay in Philadelphia; a naval pier at Leonardo, N. J., and the army's Raritan Arsenal. Why these are safer than the others should puzzle and alarm the people living in the vicinity.

Even if the American people are not yet ready to protest against arms and munitions shipment, destined to bring death and horror to colonial peoples, even if dockers here, under the tyranny of a Ryan, are not ready to refuse to ship these murder cargoes—surely South Amboy must give them serious thought as to their own self-interest. If Americans are not yet moved by moral responsibility to others to stop war, surely the lives of their own families are of grave concern. Thousands of Americans are in danger in coast cities and in places where all these weapons of destruction are stored and manufactured. They are in danger along railroad routes.

It's not atom bombs from afar that blew up in South Amboy. It's greed of American profiteers, the cold war American politicians, it's war anywhere in the world that endangers American life right here. That is the tragic lesson of South Amboy, N. J. for now and the future.

MISSOURI JOBLESS CLAIMS THIS YEAR RISE BY 50%

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 22 (FP).—Unemployment compensation benefits claimed in the first four months of 1950 were almost 50 percent more than in the corresponding period of 1949, according to the Missouri Division of Employment Security.

The 1950 payments totaled \$10,521,164, as against \$7,368,390 the year before.

The division reported job placements in the 1950 period were 12.5 percent higher than the year before.

Collective Farm Mergers Hike Production in USSR

By Ralph Parker

MOSCOW, May 22 (Telepress).—The process of merging small collective farms into larger units in the interest of more effective use of farm-machinery has now assumed a nationwide scale. Messages from many parts of the Soviet Union where grain production

is the principal activity provide evidence of the benefits accruing to the farmers as a result.

From Ivanovo Province one farmer writes:

"Our collective farm has combined 14 small cooperatives, giving us in all 1,400 hectares of arable land and 850 acres of meadow. We have more machinery and can now farm more scientifically. Mechanization and the skill of the agronomists has raised the productivity of labor and has increased our common fund."

"The village of Cheganovo counts its income in millions. It is fully electrified. Electric motors

are used to drive the mill, grain cleaning machines, cattle food crushers and the pumps that force water into the cattle yards. The collective farm has four motor cars, dozens of complicated agricultural machines and workshops for carpentry and welding. All the heavy work of ploughing, sowing and harvesting is done by tractors. . . . In the settlement by the Volga we plan to build a club, hospital, nursery, canteen, stadium and bath house."

The mergers in the Gorki region have had a similar result. Timiriachev collective farm, formed by

farmers living in 30 small villages, have evolved a project for constructing three new villages, each of which will have some 300 homesteads of two or three rooms, kitchen, running water and steam heating. Each house is to have its orchard and vegetable garden.

Comparative figures were published recently, enabling the farmers to draw conclusions from the process of combining small farms into larger units. From them one learned that "Memory of Lenin" farm in Moscow Province, with 223 hectares of arable land, yielded 22 centners of grain, 262 centners of potatoes, and 262 centners of vegetables per hectare last year. This should be compared with the Bolshovo collective farm where with 57 hectares of arable land, the yield was 11 centners of grain, 87 of potatoes, and 76 centners of vegetables per hectare.

10,000 Sign

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for that event all peace committees and volunteers will seek to gather the greatest number of signatures this week.

Climax of the activity will take place Thursday, designated as Peace Day. Meetings will be held at all shops, in the workers' residential districts, and door-to-door canvassing will take place.

Union peace committees have indicated an enthusiastic response to peace petitions. The Peace Committee of AFL Cooks Local 89, for example, obtained 1,500 signatures in 10 days and expects to get at least as many more this week.

Local 89's peace group is composed of nine rank and file members, headed by John Rey, organizational director of the local.

Scherer yesterday urged that all peace petitions be delivered to Conference headquarters as soon as they are filled out, so that all petitions will be at hand for the delegation which will leave for Chicago this weekend.

Office of the Conference is Room 501, 80 E. 11th St.

Barkley

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referred its questioners to Barkley.

The Pentagon replied to all queries with a cold "no comment."

Observers here pointed out that Barkley's "explanation" that he referred only to Atlantic war pact countries failed to explain. In New Orleans he specifically used the word "occupy," a term not usually applied to the stationing of troops on the territory of an ally or friendly nation.

Opinion here was that the Vice President had either unwittingly revealed prematurely confidential plans of the Administration or that he spoke in this manner in order to build up war hysteria.

What's On?

Tomorrow Manhattan

THE YIP CONSPIRACY will be discussed by Dave Goldway on the Special Wednesday Morning Lectures, Wed., May 24, 10:15 a.m. Sub. \$1.00. Care is provided for the children of parents attending these lectures.

HOWARD FAST discusses "Anti-Semitism and the Jewish Novel," Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 p.m., at Sixth School of Jewish Studies lecture series on American Jewish Literature, 875-5th Ave., Room 202. Sub. 75c. Next week—Louis Harap.

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Marine Cooks' CIO Expulsion 'Trial' Opens

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The CIO's right wing "judges" rigged up their seventh "trial" against a progressive-led brother union today, this time against the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

The judges had completed their prosecution of the West Coast Longshoremen's Union late Friday. Today they began listening to the same charges and evidence against the MCS.

Hugh Bryson, president, and Eddie Tangen, secretary-treasurer, of the Marine Cooks Union, led a busload of executive board officers and rank and file members into the CIO board room to defend the union.

The trial followed the pattern established against the other six unions. Four of those unions have already been expelled. The others slated for the CIO chopping block probably will be expelled at the next CIO executive board meeting.

William Steinberg, president of the American Radio Association, acting ASP prosecutor, presented the charges against MCS. Everett Kassalow, CIO research assistant, and George L. P. Weaver, secretary of the CIO's anti-discrimination committee, appeared as witnesses against the union.

Coast Newsmen

Back UP Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (FP).—The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild (CIO) unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL) in its strike against the United Press, and offering "any assistance that may be required so that the CTU can obtain a just settlement of its demands."

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Fur Union

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almost all other unions, the IFLWU requires delegates to listen to the reading because discussion on the report, usually two full days, is the principal point on the agenda.

The report covers the union's stand on most major policy issues and devotes a separate section to each of its 125 locals and districts.

The report on relations with the CIO makes no specific recommendations with respect to the coming "trial." But there is obviously no illusion on the outcome. The general tone is to prepare the union for an independent existence.

SEE MORE RAIDS

The report calls for preparation to meet more raids, and strike-breaking from CIO and AFL unions and for more intense employer attacks that are bound to be encouraged. Among the proposals is one that would "unite the strength of our union with all other progressive unions for mutual aid and assistance to resist the raiders and strikebreakers of both AFL and CIO."

Taking cognizance of the recent validation of the Taft-Hartley affidavits by the Supreme Court, and an expected increase in its use as a weapon for raids on the IFLWU, the board said:

"We therefore suggest that the incoming international executive board be fully authorized and empowered to protect the IFLWU and its locals against possible raiders, splitters and union wreckers who use the Taft-Hartley law in their treacherous activities, even if it should require compliance by this union with the law to meet our enemies."

The Gloversville story detailed in report, began in July, 1949 when 900 members of Local 202 waged a strike for a third round raise at 18 plants of the Fulton County Tanners Assn. The employers used non-compliance with the affidavits as an excuse for turning down the demands. When the local, after many months of bitter and costly struggle was advised it could become independent if it desired and did so, the CIO's textile union challenged it on an NLRB ballot while the striking union's own name was ruled off the ballot by the NLRB.

Campaigning for a "no" vote the strikers defeated the text tile union 3 to 1. The CIO's next step was to charter a union of some scabs and work jointly with the employers to drive workers into the outfit, using contracts it signed as the weapon.

"In this shocking and disgraceful manner was the Gloversville strike broken by CIO after nine months," said the report, after describing the hardships, police terror and hunger that the workers suffered. Now, said the report, the employers are taking terrible revenge upon the workers with extension of working hours, speedup.

In the Virginia strike, "more than 40 workers received jail sentences ranging from 60 days to one year." Thousands of dollars in fines were levied against the strikers," said the report. It continued:

CIO'S STRIKEBREAKING

"In the third month of the strike, CIO regional director Pugh attempted to make a strike-breaking deal with the boss behind the backs of the workers and to pull the local out of the ranks of the international.

"Not once during the strike did this Pugh ever issue a call for assistance to the needy workers. Not one single cent was contributed by the state CIO to these strikers.

And not once was the voice of the CIO heard in protest against the injunctions, fines, persecutions and failings of the strikers, or the use of state troopers to transport and escort scabs."

When Bernie Woolis, IFLWU organizer, sought support for the strikers at a meeting of the Virginia CIO, director Pugh "refused even to permit a motion of moral support to the strikers," said the report.

There is also a Marshall Plan angle to the Luray strike. The company regained three plants in West Germany. "The profits from these three plants in Germany enabled Blaut to hold out against the workers in Luray," the report noted.

The report contains special sections on the struggle for peace and a ban on A-bombs: civil rights, unemployment, political action, and the urgency of all-inclusive labor unity against reaction. All those sections presage resolutions of an advanced progressive character on each of the issues, with the convention essentially united upon them.

More than half of the report is devoted to the union's experiences in the fight on bread-and-butter issues. The record on that score is unquestionably second to none in the labor movement. Average earnings of fur workers are \$3 an hour, says the report.

"Unfortunately, too many unions retreated," said the union in reviewing the past two years. "Only a few labor organizations resisted the growing attacks of powerful employers. . . . We are proud to say that our union is one of those all too few fighting organizations."

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hind wages of other major industries.

The report is boastful of the ILGWU's "Little Marshall" plan, of which \$2,496,921 was spent abroad in "contributions to assist the free trade union forces" as the union's leaders call the pro-Marshall Plan labor leaders abroad. Another \$2,100,000 was distributed domestically. In the latter are included some strike relief contributions.

A substantial section of the report deals with health and welfare plans, now covering 395,000 of the membership, financed by the employers but distributed by the union. The bulk of the collected funds go for vacation payments which Dubinsky estimates average \$50 per employee. Retirement covers 58,527 cloak members and 85,724 in the dress division.

The report tends to emphasize the welfare features more than wages.

The union's board is also boastful of the union's role in the splitting of the World Federation of Trade Unions and founding of the London Marshallite "International." For this, special credit is given to Jay Lovestone, renegade from Communism and informer, who heads Dubinsky's international labor department.

The convention will begin tomorrow with a boardwalk parade of delegates, a concert program and an opening address by Dubinsky. Session will continue to June 1st.

Longshoreman

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same as canned groceries are handled.

Explosives must not be handled by contracting stevedores at tonnage rates. Longshoremen should be hired on a weekly basis and given permits that could be taken away immediately at the least sign of carelessness.

The reasons for the South Amboy explosion are exactly the same for the high accident rate in longshore industry on the East Coast. They are speedup and the

shapeup.

Reuther to Hear Delegates Demanding Aide's Ouster

By William Allan

DETROIT, May 22.—Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, acted today to offset the mounting demand of the rank and file that Richard Gosser, international vice-president, resign. Reuther announced he would "listen to the arguments" of

Progressives To Start Senate Vigil for FEPC

The executive committee of the Progressive Party declared yesterday it was initiating a people's vigil for FEPC at the Senate office building in Washington to demand Senate action on the measure.

The vigil will start tomorrow (Wednesday), and will be continued until FEPC is voted upon.

In announcing the vigil, the executive committee said:

Friday's vote in the U. S. Senate sustaining the filibuster on the FEPC bill is but the latest of a series of indications that the two old parties cannot be relied upon to pass legislation to meet the mounting economic needs of the American people. . . .

"Republican and Democratic legislators have consistently and brazenly flouted the solemn pledges of their party platforms in their refusal to guarantee to Negro citizens and members of minority groups an equal opportunity to work and be promoted in the industries and business establishments of the nation.

"Only the most determined, organized protests of the people can force the Senate to pass an effective FEPC bill. The Progressive Party therefore calls upon all citizens, regardless of political affiliation, to join us in the demand for action now."

Amboy

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their homes and you can see why. Plaster lies all over the floor. They've yet to clear up the shattered glass.

The clapboard homes of the poor took most of the damage. One house I was in, two miles from the explosion, had its sink jutting out six inches from the wall. If this can happen from an explosion of 500 tons two miles away, and "luck was with us," what would happen if it really was an A-bomb, they are saying.

People walk the streets with bandaged faces. I counted 30 in an hour on South Amboy's Broadway. Children, too, like four-year-old Peter Entuswek of 409 Atlanta St. "They put in four stitches," his mother, Mary, said.

MORQUE HORRORS

Most of the dead have not yet been identified and some 50 scattered arms and legs lie in the morgue. Anguished families of missing workers are still streaming through the place trying to ascertain if it was their son, their husband, their father.

Residents here say they have tried for years to prevent the Isbrandtsen Line from loading such lethal cargo.

"But what's life compared to what they make," you hear along Atlantic Ave.

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many widely divergent forces from Toledo who are demanding from Reuther an end to Gosser's dictatorial regime and collaboration with employers.

Gosser in the meantime announced he would go on the witness stand this week to answer charges in three civil suits brought by John Bolman, rank and file auto worker, that Gosser made huge profits selling supplies of his Colonial Hardware Store to the union.

On the witness stand, Gosser is expected to repeat statements of Emil Mazey, international secretary-treasurer, that the books of Local 12 and the Automotive Workers Building Corp. are all in order. Reuther will then "listen" to the delegations from Toledo point to Gosser's testimony as clearing him, and declare that "it's all a smear of the employers' press."

In this way the Reuther-Gosser machine hopes to cover up the cancerous condition existing in Local 12, once they got "the books issue" cleared away.

Serious thought is being given by Toledo and other auto union

members to bring to light the real issue, the fact that nothing is being done on wage increases, working conditions, the fight against speedup and discrimination.

Toledo union delegates are scheduled to appear before the leadership of Ford Local 600 tomorrow to tell the story of Gosser's rule. Committees from local unions are reported going to Toledo to hear the facts first hand. Ford may do likewise.



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An 800-page Tract Against USSR's 'Socialized Agriculture'

By Erik Bert

"The Socialized Agriculture of the USSR" is a joint contribution to the cold war by Naum Jasny, the author, the Food Research Institute at Stanford University, which

The Socialized Agriculture of the USSR, by Naum Jasny. Stanford University Press. \$7.50.

sponsored it, and the Rockefeller Foundation, which "significantly aided . . . in the production of this book . . . by grants."

Jasny's general thesis is: anything is better than Socialism; and the further from Socialism the better. His method is subtle. He attempts to beguile the reader by a process of attrition.

Thus: Jasny "champions" collective agriculture in the abstract, against Soviet collectives; Soviet collective farms against the Soviet state; collective farms against the Machine Tractor Stations; the individual collective farmer against the collective and against the MTS; the pre-collective peasant against the collective peasant; the peasants against the city workers; Soviet collective agriculture of the 'thirties against the future; the city workers against the Soviet State; profiteers against the collective farmers; the illegal seller of collective land against the collective farm.

THE QUESTION naturally arises: how far can he go? Here's how far. Jasny champions "the

most primitive economy," and serfdom and agriculture anywhere in the world and Tsarism, and Nazi agriculture, all of these, against Soviet collective farm agriculture.

Tsarism was better than the Soviet state, capitalism, capitalist agriculture (including the plantation South) is better than Soviet agriculture.

These are the main theses to which he devotes hundreds of thousands of words of statistical prose in over 800 pages.

He trots out the regular anti-Soviet hacks to back up the dirty work he does with statistics. Kravchenko is there, John Scott, Demaree Bess, Markosha Fisher, and W. H. Chamberlin.

And there is one with whom the American public is not yet acquainted. Here Jasny reaches a new low for even the American publishing world.

HERE IT HAS TO DO with the serious difficulties in Soviet agriculture in the early thirties. On at least ten occasions Jasny says "millions" died.

And then one Otto Schiller is presented as a witness to raise the ante to "5 to 10 million victim deaths." This "evidence" was published in BERLIN, in 1943. And who was Schiller? None other than HITLER'S agricultural attache in Moscow in the years preceding the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.

What is more, Schiller is chosen by Jasny to "refute" specific Soviet

statistics and as an authority on the fact that Soviet statistics in general are false. Lower no one could sink.

Jasny comes to the conclusion (as Schiller did for Hitler) that Soviet agriculture is a colossal failure, which manages to maintain itself only by phoney statistics. His purpose (as was Schiller's) is to encourage those who want war against the Soviet Union.

SPECIFICALLY, he concludes that the present, fourth, five-year plan will be a failure. The wish being father to the thought, Jasny says "the goal of the 4th Plan for 1950 is fantastic," that it is "extremely unlikely that the prewar output level will be reached by 1950," the last year of the present 5-year plan.

The truth is that "overall output of agriculture in 1949 exceeded the level of the prewar year 1940," in the words of the Central Board of Statistics of the Council of Ministers of the USSR. Furthermore: in 1949 "gross yield of grain crops . . . surpassed the level of the prewar year 1940 and almost reached the level fixed by the Five Year Plan for 1950. Overall output of cotton, flax, sunflowers and potatoes also considerably surpassed the 1940 level."

Furthermore, as the Central Board of Statistics reports: "Collectively owned stock on the collective farms in 1949 increased,

FREDERIC JOLIOT-CURIE HITS PERSECUTION OF THE HOLLYWOOD TEN

A letter from the distinguished French scientist Frederic Joliot-Curie expressing active solidarity with the Hollywood Ten has just been received in New York by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. Following is the text of the letter:

"I have just been informed of the sentence imposed on John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo, Adrian Scott and the rest of the Hollywood Ten. I beg you to con-

vey to them my strong indignation.

"As an assurance of our active solidarity will you please tell them that I am making the facts in the case known to various organizations of intellectuals so that they, with the support of their membership, may make strong protests to the Supreme Court of the United States."

(Signed)

Frederic Joliot-Curie.
Paris.

according to preliminary data, as follows: horned cattle—21 percent, including a 27 percent increase in milk cows, hogs—by 78 percent, sheep and goats—19 percent, horses, 22 percent. The number of poultry doubled.

Stock on the State farms . . . increased during 1949 as follows: horned cattle—13 percent, hogs—46 percent, sheep and goats—12 percent, horses—13 percent.

"In 1949 collectively owned stock on the collective farms was greater than in the prewar year, 1940; horned cattle by 27 percent, sheep and goats—by 44 percent, hogs—16 percent."

AS AGAINST this Jasny wants a "free Russian economy"—in plain English, capitalist exploitation. In 1929 Stalin pointed out that

the "capitalists of all countries, who are dreaming of restoring capitalism in the USSR," regarded the peasants as "material manuring the soil for capitalism."

Collective, socialist, agriculture deprived the capitalists of this hope. Jasny strives to revive their faith. "A weakening of the political power (by war, he means—EB) would inevitably disturb the balance if not lead to the collapse of the collective farm system," Jasny hopes that this will incite the greed of the cold-war mongers to adventurist steps.

I would wager that in the Nazi files dispatches from Schiller to Hitler, expressing the same conclusions, could be found.

These expectations were interred with the Sixth German Army at Stalingrad.

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WQXR—Woody Warrent—Sketch
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—News: Luncheon Concert
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WOR—Lanny Ross Show
12:25-WJZ—Carol Douglas, Beauty
12:30-WOR—News: Luncheon at Sardi's
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1:30-WOR—Red Hendricksen Show
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WNYC—News: Weather Report
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WJZ—Happy Landing
4:45-WNBC—Young Wilder Brown
WJZ—People, Fast Barnes
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WOR—Straight Arrow Sketch
WJZ—Green Hornet
WQXR—Galen Drake
WNYC—Sunset Serenade
5:15-WNBC—Partis Review
WQXR—Record Review
5:30-WNBC—Just Plain Bill
WQXR—Bliss and Mims
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
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WQXR—Cocktail Time
4:45-WNBC—Front Page Farrell

EVENING

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WQXR—Dinner Concert
WJZ—Herb Sheldon Show
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WQXR—Sunset
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News: On Stage
7:15-WJZ—Headline Edition
7:15-WNBC—News of the World
WOR—Answer Man
WJZ—News
WQXR—Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC—The Redeemed
WJZ—Counter-Spy, Sketch
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WQXR—Club 15-Variety
WQXR—Much Ado About Music
7:45-WOR—Tello Test—Quiz
WQXR—News, Edward Marrow
8:00-WNBC—Cavalade of America
WOR—Philo Vance
WJZ—Carnegie Hall
WQXR—Mystery Theatre
WQXR—News: Symphony Hall
8:30-WNBC—Carmen Dragon Orch.
WQXR—Men of the Press
WQXR—Mr. and Mrs. North
WNYC—Music for the Connoisseur
WOR—Official Detective
8:45-WNBC—Bob Hope Show
WOR—Mystery Is My Hobby
WQXR—Life with Luigi
WJZ—America's Town Meeting
8:50-WNBC—Fibber McGee and Molly
WOR—Mysterious Traveler—Sketch
WQXR—This Is Your Life
WJZ—Erwin Canham, News
WQXR—Second Earlham
WNYC—Reader's Almanac
9:15-WJZ—Rex Maupin Orch.
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WOR—Frank Edwards, Comment
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'Birth of Nation' Kept Alive by KKK And the 'Griffith-Is God' Society

(Concluded from yesterday.)

'Birth of a Nation' shocked millions of Americans when it first appeared in 1915.

Stephen Wise, the noted Jewish religious leader, termed it a "grave and intolerable insult to the Negro race."

Frances Hackett of the New Republic said: "The film is aggressively vicious and defamatory. It is spiritual assassination and it degrades the censors that passed it and the white race that endures it."

Booker T. Washington, the Negro educator, urged "people everywhere to take time by the forelock and adopt in advance such measures as will prevent the circulation of Birth of a Nation in any community—North or South."

Protests against the film reached such huge proportions that numerous states in the East and West were flooded with bills to keep anti-Negro films out of the theatres. Birth of a Nation was banned in 31 cities and the most objectionable scenes eliminated from showings in many others.

For the first time, the American people got an inkling of the tremendous power of the movie for influencing anti-social attitudes and acts.

IN REPLY to the storm of criticism, Griffith issued at his own expense a curiously unconvincing pamphlet on "The Rise and Fall of Free Speech in America." It was sprinkled with such liberal-sounding phrases as "intolerance is the root of all censorship," "intolerance martyred Joan of Arc," "intolerance smashed the first printing press," "intolerance invented Salem witchcraft." One critic, questioning Griffith's sincerity in publishing the pamphlet, pointed out that "the recurrent emphasis on tolerance appears too deliberate to have been anything but a calculated advance blast" for his next movie—Intolerance.

NEVERTHELESS Griffith was deeply disturbed by the raging controversy over Birth of a Nation. He wrote letter after letter to the press and in speeches up and down the land charged that the NAACP and its supporters were trying to bring about screen censorship and inter-marriage between black and white. He quoted from the Southern press in defense of free speech. The Houston (Tex.) Chronicle said: "The time has not come when the people of Houston are to have their standards of thought or taste set or fixed or regulated by the Negro citizenship." The Macon (Ga.) News said: "The agitation against the moving picture Birth Of A Nation was born of narrow-mindedness and ignorance."

GRIFFITH—pioneer in prejudice who traded in bigotry—never stopped agitating for the acceptance of his racist film. As late as February, 1947, a few months before his death, Griffith was denying publicly that Birth Of A Nation was an attack on the Negro. "My attitude toward the Negro," he said in a letter to the British film magazine Sight and Sound, "has always been one of affection and brotherly feeling. I was partly raised by a loveable old Negress (sic) down in old Kentucky and I have always gotten along extremely well with the Negro people. In the film Birth Of A Nation I gave to my best knowledge the proven facts and presented the known truths about the Reconstruction period in the American South." Griffith's "proven facts" and "known truths" came from novels and histories of those days written by members of the Ku Klux Klan or their friends.

Significant is the fact that in the South, Birth Of A Nation was welcomed with open arms by the Klan. According to L. D. Reddick in the Journal of Negro Education the film was an important factor in enabling the KKK to enter upon its greatest period of expansion, reaching a total membership of five million in the 1920's and inflicting incalculable damage to the cause of Negro-white unity.

WHILE THE KLAN was keeping Birth Of A Nation alive in the South, film esthetes who had formed themselves into a Griffith cult were keeping it alive in the east with their dangerously muddled evaluations of the picture.

Not long ago The Nation—the weekly which was in the forefront of the fight against this vicious film in 1915—printed an essay by its then film critic James Agee which said in part: "The ride of the clansmen (in Birth of A Nation), the rapist and his victim among the dark leaves" were "magical images" on the deepest level that art can draw on, reach and serve."

One would never guess from this art-for-art's-sake point of view that Birth Of A Nation's 'Magical Images' were responsible for the lynching of several Negroes.

Agee then went on to attack the "too many more or less well-meaning people" (of which there are millions—Negro and white) who still "accuse Griffith of having made it an anti-Negro movie." It is not an anti-Negro movie, he insisted, "but even if it were . . . a work of such quality should be shown and shown whole."

Despite the labors of the cultists to remove the stench that has surrounded Birth of a Nation for three decades, progressives have thwarted numerous attempts to revive it in the east.

AT THIS MOMENT the anti-Negro film is playing at the Beverly Theatre in Manhattan over the opposition of the NAACP and the Film Division of the Arts, Sciences & Professions but with the full support of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU which favors free speech for fascists takes the position that anyone has the right to get up in a theatre and call for a pogrom against 15,000,000 American citizens. If you agree with us that this dangerous misrepresentation of the right of free expression can lead to concentration camps and gas chambers you are asked to send a protest to the Beverly Theatre and to help out in the picketing which goes on daily between 4 and 10 p. m.

Around the Dial:

Murrow's-Eye View Of Washington, D. C.

By Bob Lauter

ONCE A MAN accepts the premises of the cold war, it affects his thinking in every social, economic and political sphere. This is obviously true of the self-styled radio analysts and prophets. It is less obviously true—but none the less—of a more intelligent news commentator such as CBS's Edward R. Murrow.

Murrow recently devoted his 7:45-8:00 p.m. news broadcast to a rather literary presentation which attempted to explore the character of Washington, D. C., as a city. Washington produced upon him certain impressions which he agreed were "purely personal and in no way profound."

MR. MURROW decided that neither the city's architecture, politics, society, great landmarks, or diplomacy, determined the city's character. He suggested that "the real character of this city is to be found in the large sweeping boulevards. . . ."

Perhaps he can reach such a superficial conclusion because he can also state, in the same broadcast, that the cold war "will be as decisive as the last one—certainly as important to win."

EDWARD R. MURROW is no Kaltenborn or Winchell or Taylor. It is therefore extremely difficult to believe that he has faith in his own conclusions about the boulevards and their relation to the character of Washington, D. C. "A foreigner," he said, "standing on the edge of the (traffic) circle would notice that we are all driving automobiles, not walking or riding bicycles; that most of us are well-dressed, well-fed and prosperous looking. . . ."

HAVING SIGNED up for the cold war, Mr. Murrow has abandoned his acuter perceptions. He knows very well, for instance, that one of the things which determines the character of Washington is the Jimcrow system in the nation's capitol. He knows very well that one of the first things the foreigner will notice is that the

Negro people are segregated geographically, and Jimcrowed in public places and restaurants, and do not drive around the boulevards in automobiles.

Mr. Murrow also knows that the "loyalty" campaign is also one of the major factors that determines the character of Washington and makes it a city of fear and whispers as far as government em-

ployes are concerned.

Mr. Murrow is a competent commentator. He knows these things very well indeed, and he certainly knows that such phenomena have much more to do with the character of the city than the architecture of its roads. But when a man's object is to "win" rather than end the cold war, he pays the intellectual price.

For Nazim Hikmet —Alive or Dead

The famous Turkish people's poet, imprisoned by the rulers of his country, has started his second hunger strike. Send protests to the Turkish embassy in Washington.

Once at the prison window
you sang a song of a leaf
and told the bars how you trembled
with every breeze that shook it
forty days away from where you sat.

Here, brother, alive or dead,
is the other half of the song:
that leaf weighs heavy as a stone
while you are in your prison
forty days away from where it stirs.

I read your poems to workers,
I told your story to students;
old housewives wept when they heard it,
and asked if perhaps I know, brother,
whether you live or are dead.

What does it matter—I told them,
as long as he lives in you?
But even as I said it
something inside my heart
boomed like the drum of death.

This much I promise, brother,
brother alive or dead:
to memorize all your poems
of love, and hope, and struggle,
and sing them wherever I go.

And when the flag of Turkey
is flown—I'll cry out: HIKMET!
When freedom and justice are mentioned—
I'll answer: NAZIM HIKMET!
Hikmet—alive or dead!

Until your name is a wind
blowing from land to land,
not missing a single leaf,
brother—not missing a single
leaf, a single leaf!

—AARON KRAMER.

Today's Films:

'The Capture' Mixes Mysticism - Murder

By Jose Yglesias

"WOULD YOU marry the man who killed your husband?" ask the ads for The Capture. If you have that kind of problem on your mind, the movie will certainly show you the most ideal conditions for doing so. Persons with other problems need not apply at the Rivoli box office.

It's all right if he, handsome Lew Ayres, comes down to your tumble-down ranch in Mexico in-cognito and hires himself out to rescue you out of the hole the ranch is in. Not only that but he doesn't mind that you drive him hard. And, after all, your son loves him and your husband was a no good who was never home and had been no husband at all.

You'd think that was enough complication for plot's sake but The Capture has still a lot of mysticisms to get off its chest. Lew Ayres is obsessed by some idea that he is only getting into a vicious cycle that will take him to the same goal as his wife's first husband. So he goes out to find out if the man he'd shot as a payroll robber had really been guilty.

As you'd guessed all along he hadn't, but impetuous, mystical Lew accidentally kills the real killer and runs. He runs, you see, because he'd done the same thing again—killed a man. And now while he tells his story to a priest (the movie, to make things worse,

is in flashback) the police are about to capture him. There's a psychological complication—his right arm, like that of the first man he shot, is paralyzed for no physical reason.

But his wife gets to him and between her and the priest they try to argue him out of resistance. It's fate, says Lew Ayres, his arm still immobilized. Have faith, my son, says the priest, and what with that and reaching for his wife who had stumbled, Lew moves his arm. He decides to take his chance with the law, and since he can move his arm, you know that particular kind of fate is licked and they'll live happily ever after.

One thing the movie doesn't worry about is that Lew Ayres is down in Mexico as manager of an American oil field. You'd think that here was a social problem from which moviegoers who are not faced with the decision whether or not to marry the man who killed their husband would profit. But you know Hollywood—they don't think that's a vital problem. They don't want anybody else to think so either.

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Howard Fast Discusses Anti-Semitism And Jewish Novel

Howard Fast will be the guest lecturer at the sixth session of the School of Jewish Studies' Wednesday evening lecture series on American Jewish Literature, Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Ben Field.

Mr. Fast will discuss a number of American books dealing with anti-Semitism, including Focus by Arthur Miller, Gentlemen's Agreement by Laura Hobson and Wasteland by Jo Sinclair.

Later sessions in the series will include the discussion of The Jewish Historical Novel by Louis Harap and The Jew As Worker in the Short Story and Novel by Ben Field.

The series is being held at the school, 575 Sixth Avenue (Jefferson School building).

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Yanks Still Look a Lot Like Champs on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

No matter what happened last night in the third game of the Yankee-Cleveland series, there's no doubt that the champs have struck a damaging, though not necessarily mortal, blow to the pennant hopes of the lakesiders. Here was the setup for Cleveland to

Looking Over The Boxscores

baige into the flag picture with both feet. They had won 9 of their last 11. The biggest baseball crowd of the year, and third biggest of baseball history, packed the huge and picturesque Municipal Stadium. Early Wynn, effective against the Yanks as A. L. pitchers go, and the comebacking Bobby Feller were prime to go. Tommy Henrich, one of the two perennial menaces, was on the bench, and Joe DiMaggio, the other, not yet out of a slump.

Boom! The great DiMag explodes for a double and two big home runs, one a crushing grand slam, in the opener, driving in six, bats in two key runs in the nightcap while it's close and makes the catch of the day, robbing Luke Easter of an important home run.

Joe Collins, the sub first baseman (and how quick would Red Rolfe ditch Kryhoski if he could get Collins, and wouldn't he look good on the White Sox) clouts four hits as Feller is routed.

The consistently underrated Yanks have again met the test when a challenger emerged and pulled into a little open water in the American League race. The only team they fear is Boston. They don't rate Cleveland's pitchers any more with only Lemon and Garcia solid, and Detroit is not really a flag threat over the long pull.

There are a lot of ballgames to go. Cleveland could rebound, and make a fight of it if the big rookie Easter still explodes, only then. The Red Sox, with Drope's big bat added to the thunderous batting order, must still be figured big. The season is young. But those who picked the Yanks to repeat while the rest of 'em (and us) once again figured they were sliding downhill at last must feel a little better about their selection these days.

It has become crystal clear that the team wanting to win the American League pennant will first have to dethrone the Yanks. Mr. DiMaggio and company are not giving that thing away.—RODNEY.

Seek 2 in Slaying Of Brink Suspect

BOSTON, May 22.—Police today were seeking two men on suspicion of murder in the slaying of a one-time suspect in the \$1,500,000 Brink's, Inc., holdup and the wounding of two of his companions.

The man fatally shot was George R. Killen, 30, described as a bartender and small-time bookie. The two wounded were Jeremiah Crimmins and Daniel F. Mellett, all of South Boston.

Two Long Island Trains Delayed

Commuters may have gotten used to the Long Island Railroad mishaps, vagaries and just plain snafu, but they sure don't like it.

The latest mishaps yesterday made riders wait 40 minutes for the 9:15 out of Lake Ronkonkoma, when the train's diesel locomotive was derailed between the yard and the main track. The second delay occurred when Train No. 417 was stalled three minutes out of Port Washington at 7:15 a. m. because of mechanical trouble.

Giants were idle yesterday, open Card series at home tonight. Irked at the way they win before sparse crowds, blow before the big houses as Sunday. Lots of hard luck in that double defeat, but no hard luck accounted for shelling of Sheldon Jones. Pitching is simply not consistent enough for a contender. Kiner's triple to the gravel in the center field rated by some the longest ball ever hit in the Polo Grounds. T's said Babe Ruth hit batting practice wallpops into the centerfield bleachers. Luke Easter did likewise while in the Negro League.

Conrad Marrero (the chauvinistic wire services invariably dub any player with a latin name "Chico") pitched a three hitter against Detroit, no surprise to anyone who knew his astounding record with Havana in the Florida-International League. . . . Zack Taylor is finally going with Sievers and Kokos every day even though they're far from last year's form. They're his only class players and he has to give them the chance.

Marshall may be benched soon by Braves. Not hitting at all and not driving in runs when he does. Olmo, Reiser and Tommy Holmes all aching for chance. . . . White Sox worst than expected because Zernial isn't hitting. They have second rate minor league players in centerfield and at first base. . . .

Senators go blithely on winning though star rookie Noren is out with appendectomy. But remember last year they won nine in row and then boom. Pitching is better this year, however, with Hudson's recovery and Marrero. Sorry I picked 'em for last (I being Rodney). Like 'em better than Browns now, maybe even than

Hamburg Booters

The Hamburg Sport Verein will play the final contest of its six-game good will tour of America tonight when it opposes a combination of the German-Hungarians and Brooklyn Sport Club under the lights at Dexter Park, Jamaica Ave. and Elderts Lane, Woodhaven, Queens.

Indict 2 Missouri Gambler-Politicians

KANSAS CITY, May 22.—A Federal Grand Jury today indicted Samuel C. Hayden, former assistant prosecutor for Jackson County, and Thomas Lococo, gambling partner of the slain Charles Binaggio, on charges of income tax evasion. The indictment charged that Hayden, who was discharged last month, was "one of the 15 partners in the largest gambling place in Kansas City."

2 Teen Aged Escape W. Va. Prison

HUTTONSVILLE, W. Va., May 22.—Four teen-agers escaped the state prison here during a mass break. Two were recaptured later.

Chisox. . . . Have to ask Tom Glaviano some day what he dreamt about THAT night. Very few mentioned the fact, slightly ameliorating, that he made those three consecutive errors in a drizzle of rain with a wet ball.

Question: Hasn't Whitey Lockman been consistently overrated? Ever see him break up a ballgame in a tight spot? . . . George Shuba's extended trial in leftfield may be over with his .241 mark. You KNOW Hermanski will hit a solid .290 or such and that becomes more important than the fact that Shuba LOOKS good, and pulls the ball smartly when he hits and MAY still develop. . . . Anyone doubt that the successor to Musial as the NL's greatest outfielder is going to be Duke Snider? What's that? Bobby Thomson? I'll take Snider.

STANDINGS

(Not including yesterday)

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	C.B.
Brooklyn	17	10	—
Philadelphia	17	11	½
St. Louis	15	13	2½
Boston	15	13	2½
Pittsburgh	15	15	3½
Chicago	12	13	4
New York	10	14	5½
Cincinnati	7	19	9½

GAMES TODAY
Chicago at Brooklyn
St. Louis at New York (nite)
Pittsburgh at Philly (nite)
Cincinnati at Boston (nite)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	C.B.
New York	20	8	—
Detroit	16	9	2½
Washington	16	11	3½
Boston	20	14	3
Cleveland	15	13	5
Philadelphia	10	19	10½
St. Louis	7	16	10½
Chicago	6	20	13

GAMES TODAY
Washington at Detroit
Philadelphia at St. Louis (nite)
(Others not scheduled)

LEADERS

(Not Including Yesterday)

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Player and Club	G	AB	R
Musial, St. Louis	25	98	43
Garagiola, St. Louis	16	53	6
Slater, Philadelphia	30	105	19
Hopp, Pittsburgh	35	94	16
Pafko, Chicago	24	94	15

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player and Club	G	AB	R
Doby, Cleveland	25	82	19
Lehner, Philadelphia	23	95	9
Melo, Washington	17	54	7
Rizzuto, New York	28	114	23
Henrich, New York	17	55	13

RUNS HITS

Player and Club	R	H
DiMaggio, Red Sox	29	29
Peaky, Red Sox	29	29
Stephens, Red Sox	28	28
Jones, Phillies	27	27
Williams, Red Sox	27	27

RUNS BATTED IN HOME RUNS

Player and Club	RBI	HR
Williams, Red Sox	24	11
Stephens, Red Sox	23	9
Wertz, Tigers	23	9
Knis, Phillies	21	9
Jones, Phillies	20	9
DiMaggio, Yanks	20	9

Important Points in a Conversation

"YOU KNOW WHAT makes me mad," someone said to me the other day, "The way so many of these writers nowadays all come into the act taking credit for the ending of jimcrow in baseball. People who don't know the truth are liable to believe some of them. What makes me mad is that not one of them will push to have the lilywhite teams start giving Negro ballplayers a chance. That would prove how sincere they were."

"The way I see it," he added, "The forces that were against Negroes in baseball are biding their time, and if it doesn't spread past the few teams that have them now, the whole thing is still in danger of being pushed back. That's why the fight to get the majority of lilywhite teams to start giving trials in their farm teams to Negro players is the important thing today. A big push by some of these big sports writers would make a difference."

"To the Negro ballplayer things are far from wide open yet and he knows why. As a Negro myself, I know how the young ball players must feel knowing that there is still a 'not wanted' sign on most of the big league organizations, and that even in the ones which have ended discrimination, there is talk starting of a quota of so many and so many Negroes on one team."

"Yet it's only the Communist press that even presents this thing, that fights against it, that asks the managers and owners about it and puts the spotlight on it, and this is very important. From all you can ever get from the sports writers on the big press when they write about jimcrow is how nice everything is now and someone who didn't know better would never dream from them that there are still many big league teams where the color line is drawn, and tight."

"And these," he went on, "are the writers and papers that now try to make it sound as if they were for democracy right along. Let's see one of them prove it by putting the blast on the Chicago White Sox, or the Senators, or the Cards or Browns or Pirates or Reds or Tigers or Red Sox or A's or Phils. . . . Just one of them."

"No," he said, "these great democratic guys who you'd think for all the world personally escorted Robinson and Doby into the big leagues not only don't mention the lily white teams, but they go out of their way to attack the Negro stars who come into the big leagues! Look at the way they all jumped so happily on Jethroe's slow start in spring exhibition games. You could see their real feelings come through then! Look back at what Jimmy Powers and them, said about Jackie when he first came up to the Dodgers. Oh, he'd never make it, he couldn't do this, he couldn't do that, he had hidden weaknesses and all that stuff."

"As you have written, the way things are a Negro ballplayer still has to be twice as good as a white to get into the select circle of big league teams which have ended discrimination. If Monte Irvin had just been hitting reasonably well in Jersey City, instead of tearing the league apart, he'd still be there even though everyone knows he's better than three-quarters of the regular outfielders on teams like the White Sox, Cincinnati and them."

"That's the answer for those guys. We ought to put each and every one of them on the spot when they talk about how democratic they are and how happy to see equality in the big leagues. Just challenge them to rip into the jimcrow ball clubs and fight for the rights of Negro players to get in on any team, in any league, at any level of development."

THESE ARE NOT exact quotes. I didn't take shorthand in our conversation. But it's what the man said, and it's very pointed and pertinent talking. So much so that when we were finished talking I was busy wondering whether the Daily Worker has yet done enough in a specific way on the subject of the lily white organizations.

As far as the question of setting history straight for the record, it will interest our readers to know that a detailed and documented story of the fight against baseball discrimination is now in the works and will be off the presses in the near future. Nat Low, whom Daily Worker readers will remember, is doing the job. No punches will be pulled. And no reader will lay it down with the comfortable feeling that the fight is "all over!"

Short Shots

THOSE YANKS certainly know how to come up and strike the vital blows at the right moment. Cleveland will have a tough time recovering from Sunday's double dosing, especially since it confirmed the fact that Bobby Feller's comeback had been somewhat exaggerated, and that the erstwhile fireballer is now just a reasonably competent curveballer who can be shelled as often as not. . . . Look through the small type under "Leaders" today and you'll discover the interesting fact that there's nary a Dodger anywhere in sight. And yet they are leading the league. Team balance is the answer. They may not have a .400 hitter but they have an awful lot of regulars in and around that .300 mark. Which counts heavily. . . . Carl Erskine is at Montreal and the Chicago Cubs would pay \$100,000 for him. Dodgers and Yanks still the most talent-laden systems, with Cleveland coming along solidly for the long pull. . . . Only about 4,000 for the Mitri-Wagner fight at the Garden, and next week may not top that by much. Is the fight game dying? No mourning borders on this page if it does. . . . Did you ever get that final tennis score? Kramer, 93; Gonzales, 28. Big Dick is about two years away from Jack, who is as great as anyone since Tilden's prime and maybe even better than that.

SEEMS TO BE a little confusion about whether the columning competition to bring money to the paper is over or not, but anyhow, here's another \$5 from Mack S. of Brooklyn, and I suppose the paper won't throw it away!